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Ofakim residents block roads and demonstrate yesterday.

# Ofakim shuts down for day to protest unemployment

LIAT COLLINS and libra

Hundreds of angry Ofakim residents blocked traffic, burned tires and garbage bins, and clashed with police yesterday to protest the city's rising unemployment.

Stores were shut, schools were closed, and municipal services paralyzed as the town protested its jobless rate. The official rate was reported on Monday to be 14.3 percent, but locals insist the real unemployment rate is closer to

"I do not see an end to this unemployment." Mayor Micha Herman told Israel Radio. "We need to find real solutions, and it is clear that without massive help we will not be able to do so."

Leading the protests were the city's own employees, who still have not gotten their November

salaries. The Interior Ministry has acknowledged a municipal deficit of NIS 20.6 million, but says it will not cover the debt unless

emergency panel to tackle unemployment, Page 13

dozens of workers are fired, city services slashed, and property taxes raised 20 percent.

In reality, Herman said, the deficit is NIS 32m., and while the city is willing to negotiate a recovery plan, it cannot make the deep cuts and carry out the dismissals

again Ofakim leads the list. We are demanding that the prime minister come up with a special solution for Ofakim, since Ofakim is not like other towns in the country. Police at first tried to disperse

the demonstrators blocking the main roads, but then closed the road between the city and the Gilat and Magen junctions for an hour and a quarter, forcing cars that were approaching Ofakim to drive off onto dirt roads and through adjacent fields.

Last week taxi drivers carning NIS 24,000 blocked roads in Tel Aviv for hours, and no one tried to stop them," shouted one demonstrator into a bullhorn. "We earn less that NIS 2,500, but us they try to remove, because we are Ofakim and not Tel Aviv."

Meretz has filed another no-con-

ter, citing unemployment as the main issue issue.

This government lives in a bubble and doesn't heed its citizens' needs," said Meretz whip Haim Oron.

The Knesset Interior Committee held an emergency meeting on the situation in Ofakim. Herman was unable to get to the session, however, because he was busy trying to help several protesters who had been arrested.

Committee chairman Sallah Tarif (Labor) described the situation in Ofakim as "a catastrophe that cannot be ignored."

Ze'ev Boim (Liknd), who came to the meeting after visiting the town, said the situation there is difficult. Boim said immediate aid was required and also a program

#### Anti-ALS drug omitted from basket

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Health Ministry is making efforts to ensure that 70 victims of Lou Gehrig's disease will get a medication that can slow their

The neurological disorder, known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), affects some 200 Israelis, but nearly a third can be helped by rilazole (known commercially as Rilotex). The drug costs NIS 2,000 a month, but it was not included by the Health Ministry in the list of 14 vital drugs being added to the bas-ket of health services.

ALS causes the wasting of muscles of the arms and legs and can spread to most of the body. It results from a breakdown of the nerves that supply the muscles where they begin - in the brain and spinal cord. There is no cure, and it can cause death within two to five years.

S.S., of Ramat Hasharon, whose ALS symptoms appeared a few years ago, called The Jerusalem Post to protest against the health funds' refusal to pay for the drug.

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## Rabies claims third fatality in space of 13 months

By JUDY SIEGEL and LIAT COLLINS

A 58-year-old man from the western Galilee village of Judeida died of rabies yesterday. He is the third victim of the disease in 13 months - after three decades passed without a single case in

The man, whose identity was

Gil's trial

opens today

By NECHAL YUDELMAN

The trial of Yehuda Gil, the senior

Mossad agent charged with falsify-

ing information, is to open in Tel

Aviv District Court today. Court

President Menahem Ilan and Judges

Haim Porar and Uri Goren will hear

Gil, 63, of Gedera, is being

charged with giving his superiors

faise information about Syria's

positions on the peace talks, with

the intention of damaging national security. The maximum penalty

for this offense, which is included

in the espionage category, is 15

Gil, who allegedly pocketed the

money intended for his Syrian

"source," also is charged with

years in prison.

the case behind closed doors.

not revealed, arrived at Nahariya Government Hospital a few days ago with symptoms of the incurable disease and scratches on his face and hands. He had not reported any animal bites to the authorities, and thus did not receive in time the protective vaccine that would bave saved his

Last month a girl from

Kalansuwa died of rabies, a year after an IDF soldier died of the illness after being bitten by an unidentified animal.

Panic caused by the soldier's death has greatly increased the number of reports about encounters with suspicious animals brought to district health offices.

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# jeopardizing national security Cabinet meets again today over redeployment

Sharon: PM is

By JAY BUSHEKSKY

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon accused Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahn yesterday of sacrificing security interests in the quest for a pullback

plan for the West Bank. "I have always made every effort to maintain this government, but it was the right thing to do until you reached the limits of endangering national interests. and unfortunately you are about to cross that line," Sharon shouted.

He asserted that if his map was not accepted by the cabinet "there will be no basis for a government that does not relate to security

"Don't wave your finger at me, Netanyahn shouted back.

Following this rancous, incon-clusive session, the cabinet decided to reconvene today in its search for an interum consensus on the scope of the IDF's next withdraw-

Netanyahu will then be able to

report on the results to US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright at their meeting tomor-

A senior government official said the participants did not focus on the percentage of territory to be handed over to the Palestinian Anthority. "No percentages were

3 settler leaders tirreaten to toppie gov't, Page 2

discussed," he said.

However, he contended that Netanyahn will be able to present Israel's redeployment plans "in general terms." He said the requisite maps will not be ready for submission to Albright and her

The prime minister is not leaning toward either the map presented by the IDF or that presented by Asked by Transport Minister

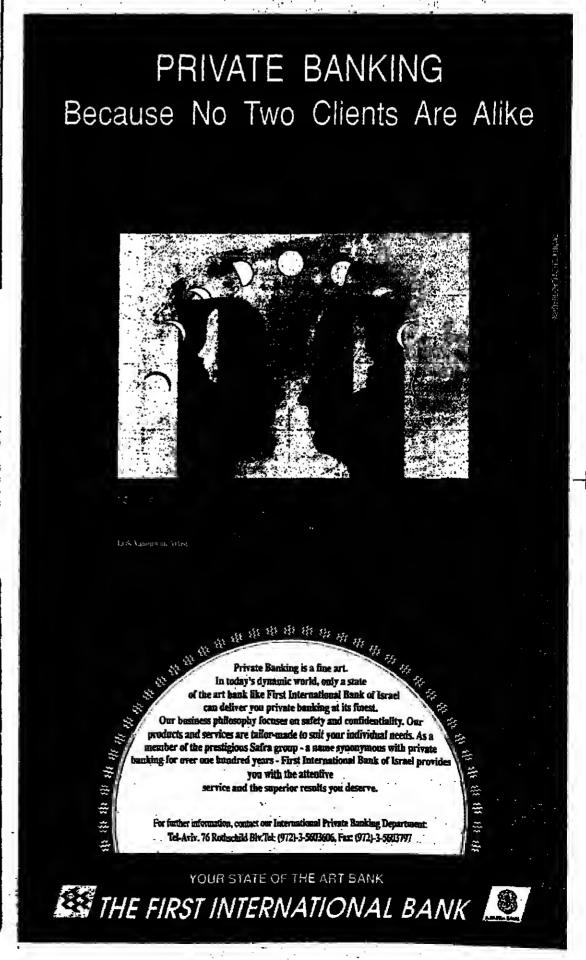
Yitzhak Levy if he intends to show Albright the maps under consideration and to discuss the percentage of territory to be relinquished, Notanyahu replied, "That is not

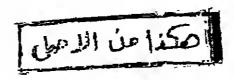
This prompted Foreign Minister David Levy to warn that "if you are not serious and don't intend to show anything to the secretary of state, I will reject your invitation to fly with you to Paris and Luxembourg.

"I don't know what is worse for you to boycott the trip or join it," Sharon quipped.

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky expressed satisfaction that the cabinet was grappling with the strategic problems involved in carrying out a redeployment. But he regretted that it took an impending meeting with Albright for this to be given a seri-

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#### Two-thirds of claims linked to Swiss accounts

Two-thirds of people who have filed claims for dormant Holocaust-era accounts at Swiss banks have already been confirmed as apparently having rights to the money, an international nanel said yesterday.

But the American chairman of the independent committee supervising the return of the assets of Nazi victims said the process is going slower than he would like. "I am as impatient and frustrated as other people, but this is the nature of the problem," said Paul Volcker.

Some 6,600 claims have been filed, Volcker said. Of those, 4,500 have been confirmed as authentic.

#### Kohl's foes seek probe of neo-Nazis in military

Keeping up pressure on Germany's battered defense minister. opposition parties yesterday demanded a wide-ranging parliamentary probe into rightist extremism in the military. Lawmakers from the Social Democrats and the environmentalist Greens said the inquiry, due to start January 14, should look beyond a 1995 speech by convicted neo-Nazi terrorist Manfred Roeder at a military academy that triggered the probe. Fearing an election year embarrassment, Kohl's forces plan to negotiate with the opposi-tion to limit the inquiry to the Roeder case. . Al

#### **Tired Papon attacks prosecution**

At his trial yesterday, Maurice Papon, chief police inspector of Bordeaux during World War II, lashed out at prosecutors as they asked about his alleged role in a July 1942 roundup of Jews.

"Acquit Bousquet, condemn Papon; you'd be happy with that!" he cried out. Rene Bousquet was France's chief of police during the war. He was killed on the eve of his war crimes trial

Papon is the highest-ranking official of the pro-Nazi Vicby regime to stand trial for crimes against humanity.

He remained silent when Prosecutor Marc Robert asked wby he went beyond Nazi orders and arrested Hungarian, Greek and

#### Teenager could be paralyzed from glue sniffing

A teenager in the North who was seriously injured by sniffing glue may suffer some permanent paralysis, Israel Radio reported

Haifa district police spokesman Supt. Moshe Nisan said the 16-year-old boy was admitted to Bnai Zion Hospital (Rothschild) Monday night with breathing difficulties. Nisan said police are trying to combat glue-sniffing by giving talks at schools about its dangers. David Rudge

#### PA postpones census

Palestinian officials said yesterday they are postponing the census due to the reluctance of east Jerusalem residents to take part and interference from the Israeli government. At a press conference in Ramallah yesterday, PA Minister for Jerusalem Affairs Faisal Husseini said east Jerusalem residents fear Israeli retribution for participating in the census. The census is necessary in order to make plans for the future, he said, especially when Jerusalem becomes the capital of the Palestinian state. Husseini did not rule out the possibility of another body carrying out the census, noting that a census taken in 1996 was carried out by a Margot Dudkevitch and Mohammed Najib private college.

#### Livnat on way to meet Pollard

Communications Minister Limor Livnat is traveling to North Carolina today to meet with Jonathan Pollard, who is serving a life sentence in a federal prison for spying for Israel, Last month, Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein became the first minister to meet with Pollard.

Although Pollard engaged in a rogue operation, Livnat said, he is now an Israeli citizen and, after 12 years in an American Marilyn Henry

#### Bethlehem promises pilgrims a more religious Christmas

By PATRICIA GOLAN

Christmas Eve celebrations in Bethlehem this year may be less rowdy and more religious.

The two Christmas seasons since the Palestinian Authority took over control of the town in December 1995 were more nationalistic than religious in tone. But following complaints by the town's Christians and religious pilgrims who resented the street party atmosphere and rowdy behavior by Moslem youths, this Christmas Eve, visitors to Bethlehem's Manger Square will be screened by

the Palestinian Police. "We have planned that only those who are wishing and willing to pray will be present in the square this year," Bethlehem Mayor Hanna Nasser said yesterday at a news conference for the Foreign Press Association. "It's not a matter of keeping Moslems out," he insisted, "It's a question of leading the way and giving pilgrims a chance to attend Midnight Mass better than in other years. We're not going to ask anyone their religion."

The midnight mass at St. Catherine's, the Catholic church which abuts the Church of the Nativity, will be shown on a large TV screen on the square, and rows of chairs set up.

Meanwhile, preparations for the millennium have begun. Nasser said that as many as five million tourists are expected between now and the end of 2000, including one million Russian pilgrims.

Nasser said he doubts that Pope John Paul II would visit unless there is permanent settlement between Israel and the Palestinians that includes an agreement on Jerusalem.

"I myself do not advise the pope to come unless the political situation in east Jerusalem is solved," be said. Nasser stressed that he is not discouraging leaders of other churches from visiting, but "the Vatican is a state. You cannot compare any other religious leader with the Holy See." The Vatican, he pointed out, does not accept Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem.

With deep sorrow we mourn the passing of

#### PNINA SCHWARTZ

**Eddie Schwartz and family** Sara and Ivor Wainstein and family

The funeral will take place today, Wednesday, December 17. at 3:00 p.m. at the Savyon cemetery.

> The Board of Directors and Staff of the Masorti Movement in Israel mourn the passing of

#### **NEIL NORRY 5"**

Chairman, Council of Trustees of the Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel Heartfelt condolences to Sharon Norry and family

# 3 settler leaders: We'll topple gov't

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Outraged and bewildered settlers yesterday attempted to digest the possibility of scores of their communities becoming isolated or falling under partial Palestinian control if the government implements Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's security interest map. Some settler leaders threatened

to topple the government, if Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu accedes to US pressure and agrees to go ahead with a further withdrawal without demanding Palestinian reciprocity.

During an emergency meeting of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza last night, chairman Pinhas Wallerstein, head of the Binyamin Regional Council, Beit El council head Uri Ariel, and Amana director-general Ze'ev Hever declared that if Netanyahn bows to US pressure, they will act to topple the government.

Council director-general Aharon Domb stressed that the three were acting individually and not as council representatives.

In reponse to their announcement, Likud spokeswoman Ronit Eckstein said: "A group of residents of Judea and Samaria, by their actions against the Shamir government, contributed greatly to

at his Tel Aviv office yesterday.

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Palestinian negotiator Saeb

Erekat said yesterday that

Palestinian Authority head Yasser

Arafat had ordered his police to

belp Israeli authorities fight car

Erekat spoke at a meeting in Tel

Aviv with Internal Security

Minister Avigdor Kahalani, also attended by the Palestinian Police

commander for the West Bank

Officials say that about balf the

cars stolen in Israel end up in the

'Iraq crisis could

flare up again'

West Bank or Gaza Strip.

area, Ziad Arif.

the rise to power of the Labor gov-ernment, and thus to the Oslo Accords. It's a shame that the issuers of this announcement haven't learned the bitter lesson of the results of similar actions in the past, and are not supporting the government that ensures their

existence and security."

Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel, standing in as council chairman, appealed for council members to remain united.

Settlers appeared concerned with the number of communities whose future status remains unclear. Communities reportedly threatened by the withdrawal include Elon Moreh, Itamar, Immanuel, Karnei Shomron, Eli, Shilo, Beit El, Kiryat Arba, Ofra, Beit Arye, and Nili. Other reports charged 12 to 25 communities would be affected by the proposed withdrawal.

Nili secretary Haviva Marco said she had been inundated with requests from residents seeking to clarify the situation. "People are panicking, no one understands what is happening," she said.

Beit Arye council head Yisrael Harush charged that the present situation is a muddled one, full of inaccuracies and speculation. "I am a Likudnik; I have met with Netanyahu and Mordechai and other government ministers, but no one seems to understand the

situation, so how is the public expected to understand?"

Beil El's Ariel called the current withdrawal proposals grave. "Mordechai gave us all sorts of explanations on Monday, but when there are loo many explanations it shows a weakness," he said. "Israel agreed to carry out three things when it signed the Hebron Accord: to withdraw.from Hebron, to carry out the first withdrawal from other areas of Judea and Samaria, and to release terrorists. We carried out all of these. The Palestinians have not carried out, nor do they plan to carry out, any of their commitments.

Benny Katsover, of Elon Moreh, a member of the recently established Judea and Samaria action committee, charged Netanyahu should not put the settiers to the test. "If the government does not bonor its basic guarantees, there is no point in its contin-

Liat Collins adds:

MK Zvi Hendel (National Religious Party) said he is joining the three settler leaders' announcement that the government should he toppled if it bands territory over to Yasser Arafat without first ensuring the Palestinians bave fulfilled all their obligations under the Hebron Accord, particularly extraditing wanted terrorists.

## Clinton expects to meet PM soon

By HELLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - US President Bill Clinton yesterday defended himself against charges he had snubbed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last month. He said that Netanyahu need not meet any test in order to gain a meeting, but that as the peace process progresses, there will be more for them to talk about.

Clinton said he expects that they will meet again in early 1998.
"I think the next time we meet,

we'll have quite a meaty agenda. and we'll have something to talk about and something to do," Clinton told reporters. "I am not suggesting that there is some standard that the government or the prime minister has to meet in order lo have a meeting, but I think that it will be a useful meeting and it's an appropriate thing to do."

In a year-end, 90-minute press conference, Clinton said that his live meetings with Netsenselve are

five meetings with Netanyahu are more than he has held with any other world leader during the 18 months since Netanyahn assumed office, and that therefore. "there can be no serious suggestion that the US is not interested in the peace process or respectful of the

people or government of Israel.
"I think it is important when the president meets on the peace process that it he a real meeting and that there be some understanding of where we are and where we're going and what we're doing: together. And I have always taken that position," Clinton said.

"I think the next time we meet, we are likely to have a productive meeting, because we'll have a lot to talk about because a lot of work

has been done."
Clinton acknowledged that in advancing the peace process, there is a "lot of controversy" within the Netanyahn government, which he said is now "attempting to flesh out and define" its decision on the next IDF redeployment.

Clinton wrote a letter to the Conference of Presidents Saturday, reiterating American policy of an "unshakable commitment to Israel's security" and a pledge to facilitate peace talks that enhance, not detract from Israel's security needs."

He responded to a letter from Conference leaders last week, which expressed concern over the administration's publicly-aired differences with Netanyahu on

peace moves.
"My administration has an open dialogue at all levels with the Government of Israel, as befits two old and close friends," he

#### Livnat: US failed to keep promises

BY MAKE TH HEAVY

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## PA antisemitism documented by GPO

The Palestinian news media and Palestinian Authority officials were accused of making antisemit-ic statements, many of them based on Nazi propaganda, in a special report issued by the Government Press Office yesterday.
Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu is considering submitting the 12-page document to US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright at their meeting in Paris

tomorrow morning.

Referring to the instances in which Palestinians compared Israel to the Nazis and Fascists and denied the Holocaust, Netanyahu said: "These are violations of the Oslo Accords, which call for an end to hostile propaganda." He called for an immediate end to such diarribes.

Asked whether he will take the issue up the issue with Albright, be said, "We have to check the

ne Gro report Palestinians make frequent references to the historically discredited Protocols of the Elders of Zion, publish tales of "Jewish plots" and "Jewish fangs," and depict Jews as power-hungry people "Insting after money.

A PA Information Ministry press release issued on December 10 and included in the GPO document states: "Israeli practices in many aspects are equal with, if not more brutal than, those practiced by occupying Nazi soldiers dealing with French-Dutch citizens during World War II." An article published in the PA's official newspaper, al-Hayat al-Jadeeda, on November 30 says: "Netanyahu's plan completely matches the foundations of the greater Zionist plan which is organized according to specific stages that were determined

#### when the Protocols of the Elders mecbanism" for that. of Zion were composed." The Importance of Being Earnest in

#### CHOOSING A PRESIDENT **Nadia Matar**

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#### Continued from Page 1 "It is too bad that you are run-

By LIAT COLLINS

The Iraqi crisis could flare up again since UN supervisors continue to be denied access to all weapons sites, a senior military intelligence officer told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

According to an official briefing. the officer noted that Syrian President Hafez Assad has visited Iran twice this year. Assad continues to describe Israel as a threat to the Arab world and calls on Arab countries to stop normalization with it. Assad, however, still favors the diplomatic-political option, according to intelligence assessments.

The committee also heard a report from Deputy Chief of General Staff Shaul Mofaz on the IDF budget and work plan. He said that the budget has been decreased and that NIS 1.5 to NIS 2 billion is lacking. Mofaz said he is concerned about the long-term implications of budget cuts.

#### SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Chib will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Boris Geller, Superintendent, the Israel Police, will address the Club.

## **SHARON**

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani (left) meets with Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erakat

Arafat: PA will help cut car theft

Kahalani said after the meeting

that some progress was made on

forging cooperation to fight car

theft, but he also alleged that

Palestinian officials are continuing

Kahalani also raised the issue of

safe passages between Judea and

Samaria and Gaza, and the status

the breach of faith that exists

between Israel and the

Palestinians and reached the con-

clusion that the only way to

improve the situation is to con-

struct a bridge based on mutual

We discussed the problem of

to drive stolen vehicles.

of the peace talks.

ning to the Americans before we have had a chance to close matters among ourselves," he said.

Defense Minister Yitzbak

Mordechai announced that he has made some "slight changes" in the IDF map, allowing the inclusion of more settlements and keeping an additional one percent of territory under IDF control.
"I see that the pressure generated

by the settlers helped," Sharon said. Communications Minister Limor Livnat, who is in the US, notified the cabinet that she opposes the map proposed by Mordechai and the military. Levy suggested that instead of

bringing maps to the meeting with Albright, Netanyahu would be better advised to take along a copy of the Hebron Agreement for her to sign. He noted that the document is signed by former secretary of state Warren Christopher, and contended that if Albright added her signature, she would begin to grasp the vital security considerations entailed in the redeployment. Liat Collins adds: The Labor and Third Way Knesset factions agreed to act as a

mended that thousands of

Palestinians be allowed to remain

in Israel even when closures are

Kahalani said the meeting was constructive and bad opened new

channels of cooperation with the

Erekal refused to answer ques-

tions about Israel's proposed with-

drawal, saying only that the gov-

ernment "has not informed us by

He added that he expected the

government to "implement every-

thing stipulated in the written

telephone or even by fax."

imposed on Gaza.

Palestinians.

counterbalance to pressures by the Land of Israel Front and other right-wing MKs.
Third Way whip Yehuda Harel said that the further redeployment should be a step toward separation between Israel and the Palestinia

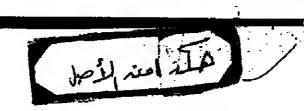
while preserving security areas and

settlement blocs. MKs from both parties expressed concern at what they said is a trend towards making concessions in the Judean Desert and Jordan Valley, while staying in areas densely populated by Palestinians.

Itim adds: Yisrael Ba'aliya MK Roman Bronfman gave Netanyahu a letter of support signed by 21 coalition members, from Yisrael Ba'aliya, Shas, Gesher, and the Likud. Bronfman and fellow party MK.

Tzvi Weinberg are to travel to Greece today to meet with members of Fatah and the Palestinian Legislative Council. Members of Shas and Gesher are expected to join

DRIVE CAREFULLY



# Pinhasi gets suspended sentence

By BATSHEYA TSUR

Shas MK Rafael Pinhasi was sentenced yesterday to a year's suspended sentence and fined NIS 20,000 after pleading guilty to charges of conspiracy and making a false declaration to the state comptroller regarding election campaigns.

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Amiram Binyamini thus honored a plea bargain reached December 10, under which additional charges of keeping false corporate records, attempted fraud, and conspiring to commit a crime were dropped.

Binyamini said that in passing seotence, he had considered punishments given others for the episode, involving violations of the Party Funding Law in the 1988 Knesser elections and the local authorities elections in

The others, Yehezkel Eshayek, a former Shas secretary-general, received a 10-month suspended seotence and was fined NIS 17,500, and Shmuel David, a former Shas liaison, received a term

Pinhasi, Eshayek and David were convicted of paying yeshiva students to work io the campaigns without recording their earnings or reporting them to the state comptroller. Their failure to report enabled the youths to avoid the draft despite the fact that they were working instead of Binyamini said that Pinhasi did

not benefit personally from the funds involved, and that he bad already been punished publicly by being unable to serve as a minister or deputy minister while under indictment.

Reacting to the sentence, Pinhasi said: "I feel fine. I agreed to the plea bargaio to keep my family from having to suffer more than it already has for many months." Pinhasi also maintained that

other parties also failed to report all their actions to the comptrol-The Movement for Quality

Government protested the verdict as favoring a public figure, and said it planned to appeal to the



Shas MK Rafael Pinhasi (I) stands with his lawyer Aharon Shlanger in court yesterday. (Israel Sum) earlier yesterday by Justice Tova

There was no equality before the law," shown in the case, a spokesman said. "Pinhasi was

convicted of a felony bot was merely giveo a suspended sen-The plea bargain was upheld

Strassberg-Cohen who rejected the movement's petition to issue an injunction to delay the verdict.

## Tension mounting over World Likud delegates' list

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Tension is mounting in the Likud over Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's refusal to endorse the new list of delegates for the World Likud Convention.

Meridor, Sallai Netanyahu had declared as his candidate for Jewish Agency chairman, yesterday urged the prime minister to endorse the list that ministers Limor Livnat and Yehosbua Matza prepared at

Netanyahu's request.

Meridor's plea followed the
Likud tribunal's ruling the previous day that a list of delegates for the WLC be presented within 48 bours.
Uoless Netanyahu endorses the new list, a previous list, which for-mer Prime Minister's Office director-geoeral Avigdor Lieberman submitted, will be accepted. Lieberman announced on Monday that he will run for chairman of the WLC against incumbent chairman Ronni Milo.

A storm erupted in the Likud wheo the first list was found to bave been manipulated to give Lieberman a clear advantage over Milo. Netanyahu ordered a new list prepared, based on the original

one before it was altered, but so far is refusing to endorse it.

Netanyahu's failure to endorse the list is perceived in the Likud as cooperation with Lieberman in the power struggle against the party princes" and "rebels," including Livnat, Milo, MKs Dan Meridor (brother to Sallai), Ze'ev Begin, Ehud Olmert and others.

Earlier this week Livnat presented the Likud tribunal with a sworn statement that the delegates' list to the WLC was distorted and changed, and that the second list of delegates was the "corrected" one ordered by the prime minister.

WLC legal advisor Yaakov Lerer warned Netanyahu he would summon him to testify before the Likud tribunal next week, unless the prime minister disqualify the first list and endorse the new one.

"The list's endorsement will be the test of whether Netanyahu is in control or whether bis right band doesn't know what the left is doing," a senior Likud source

Milo would not comment on the list affair, but sources close to him said he would decide whether to run for WLC chairman dependiog on which list is finally accepted.

## Jewish journalists visit tunnel, Har Homa

RUSSIAN PRESS REVIEW

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Several dozen Jewish journalists from around the world saw the sites of headline-making news up close yesterday as they visited Har Homa and the Western Wall Tunnel in the opening afternoon of the Seventh International

Conference of the Jewish Media.
Phyllis Singer of Cincinnati's The American Israelite said that going to Har Homa gave her a chance "to understand what all the brouhaha is all about."

"I think it was important for the international Jewish journalists to see it for themselves, and understand it, and hear the explanation of the connection and wby the Palestinians want it," Singer

Mordechai Ben-Dat of Toronto, of The Canadian Jewish News, called the visit to the tunnel - a completely goose-bumpy experi-

Citizens lose out

Russian press regarding the

recent strike was expressed by Han Kfir in 24 Hours: "Amir

Peretz claims 'I won' Finance

Minister Yankov Neeman coun-

ters that 'the state has won the victory." Says Kfir, "I won't

enter ioto this futile argument because I know exactly who has lost - we, the ordinary citizens of

George Mordel of Vremya writes. The agreement between

[former finance minister Avraham] Shohat and Peretz was

handwritten on a sheet of yellow

paper. It was not approved by the

government, it was not voted on in the Knesser. Therefore, from

the point of view of the lawyer

Neeman and the Supreme Court, the paper is not valid. The chair-

man of the Histadrut, as well as of the Labor Party, know the value of the paper but keep

insisting that the government ful-

Yuri Cohen writes in Novosti Nedeli that the real goal of the strike was to undermine Prime

Minister Binyamin Netanyaho's

government. At the same time, Cohen points out the failure of

the government to force the

unioo leaders to carry out the

MK Amnon Rubinstein (Mereiz), who writes regularly in

Vesti, says the Histadrut's crucial

mistake was to paralyze the air

and seaports. Its second blunder

was to defy the court order. The

seniog of such a precedent will

have inteversible consequences.

Saraphobia

mentioned that an article sharply

criticizing the prime minister's wife appeared in Yedion Aharonot, but neither newspaper

The weekly Globus devoted

much space to the issue. Han Kfir

writes. The article in Yedior

Anaronoi is only the tip of the

iceberg. The prime minister found himself in a predicament,

but so did the entire nation. It is

bard to believe that such a

woman, through the prime minis-

ter, can influence the events in

the country, but such is the case."

Rivka Rabinovich of Vremya is

of the same opinion. "It concerns us 100, Mr. Netanyahu," she says.

She reports that in a radio inter-

Civil

commented on it.

Vesti and Novosti Nedeli both

court decision 10 end the strike.

fill the agreement."

Israel."

The general opinion of the

ence, breathtaking in every sense of the word...one that is difficult to conceive in one's imaginatioo, even after reading articles about

Conference participants today will hold a series of discussions, including one on "Respect for Dialogue – How Can We Live Together," which is expected to focus on religious pluralism and the proposed conversion bill.

This afternoon the journalists will hear speeches by Foreign Minister David Levy and Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav. The day ends with a festive ceremony entitled "Fifty Years of Israeli Achievement," featuring performances by singer Gali Atari, the Israel Navy Entertainment Troupe and a multi-media presentation.

Some 130 journalists are participating in the week-loog conference sponsored by the World Zionist Organization.

By YOSEF BEGUN

Commissioner Shmuel Hollander

discussed the problem of the

rights and obligations of the wife

of a prime minister. Says Rabinovich, I hope it will be

solved before the next scandal."

with Bibi?"

Kfar Sava.

employees.

Material world

The discussion in the Russian

press about the future of the local lextile industry was sparked by

the decision to shul down textile

factories io Nazareth Ilit and

In interviews with Ganor and

Shamis in Novosti Nedeli and

with Alexander Auerbach in

Vesti, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said

that the closure of the factories is

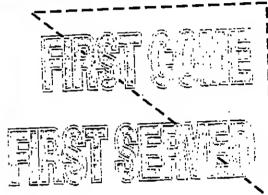
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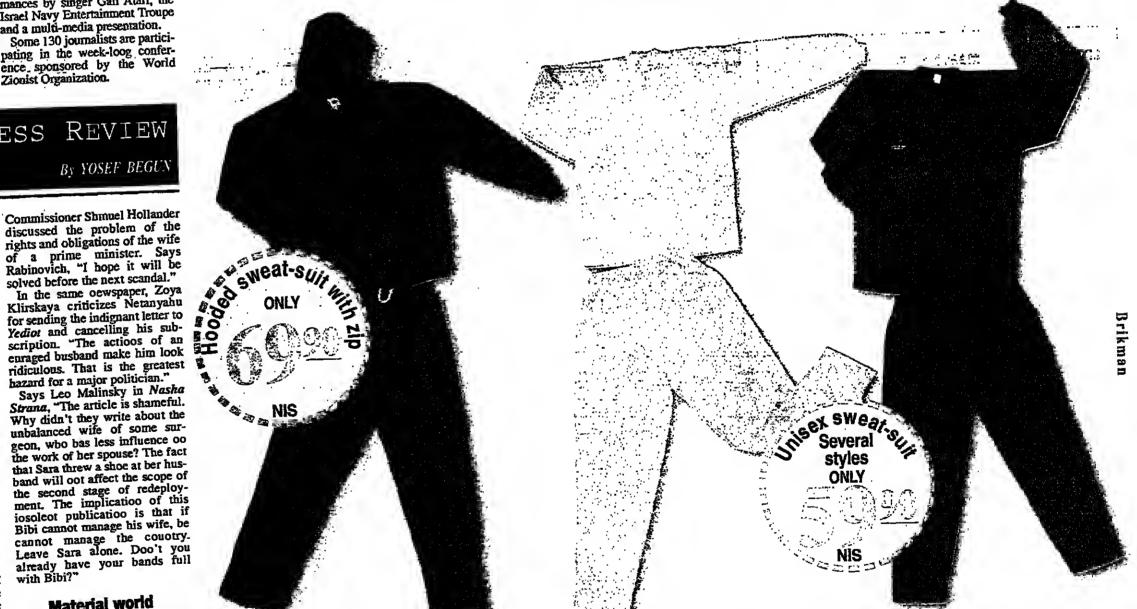
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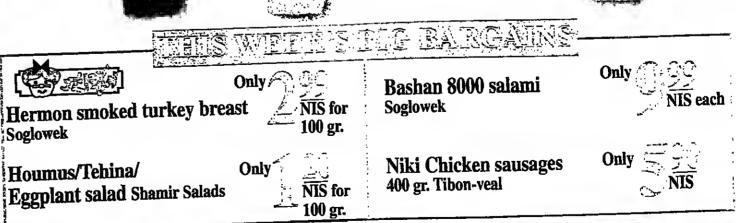




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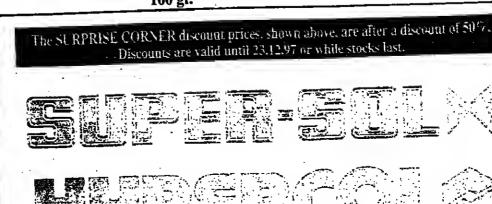
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Vesti published a report by Alex Prilutsky about an alleged event in the Yisrael Ba'aliya party. He claims that Sharansky suggested that MKs Yuri Stern, Michael Nudelman, and another unnamed MK leave the party and set up an independent faction. No source was named. Prilutsky says that Sharansky's press attache, Stern, and MK Maria Solodkin deny the allegation.

Yisrael Ba'aliya







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## State liable for NIS 750m. in intifada damages - projection

By BATSHEVA TSUR

In the past six years, the state has paid close to NIS 100 million in damages for injuries sustained by innocent Palestinian victims of the intifada due to IDF activities. According to a Justice Ministry projection, it will be found liable for damages amounting to another NIS 750m. with respect to 873 suits currently before the courts and another 226 files being dealt with by the Defense Ministry.

This emerged during a meeting between Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbì and members of the Knesser Law Committee which is reviewing the bill on intifadarelated injuries among Palestinian bystanders. The bill passed its first reading in the Knesset in July.

It defines the intifada as a violent, organized struggle against Israeli civilians and the military, thus limiting the culpability of the IDF and the state. According to a 1952 law, the state is not responsible for dameges caused

By LIAT COLLINS

As MKs entered the Knesser yesterday morning they were given a red carnation to mark the

day's events which were dedicat-

ed to the theme of tolerance and

national conciliation. By the spe-

cial pleoum session in the after-

ooon, the flowers were beginning

to wilt and MKs showed less

Only a small oumber of legisla-

tors turned up for the debate, the

coalition seats being ooticeably

"We are entering the most diffi-

cult period of the peace process,

the easy part is behind us," said Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu. "We are obliged to

mold the oature, character and

security of the State of Israel for

the coming generations. We have

already learned that we cannot

take such fateful decisions on war

and peace without the broadest

support possible of the people.

And that is our aim, to achieve

such support, to achieve such

"Unity is not uniformity," said Labor leader Ehud Barak, "Unity

is the understanding that despite

the differences among us as indi-

**Knesset discusses** 

tolerance and unity

by belligerent activities of the "applied" for "redress."

The number of applications is

The bill has met with opposition from civil rights groups here and abroad. They called on the MKs to oppose it and on the public to fax their disapproval to the Knesset. Committee chairman Shaul Yahalom said that only one fax had been received since the groups' appeal in the Hebrew media.

In a statement, Amnesty International said the bill "threatens a victim's basic right to seek redress for past violations." Describing it as "a step backward," Amnesty said it is "an attempt by Israel to evade its international obligations."

"The bill was born out of a feeling on the part of the Defeose Ministry that the courts would be flooded by retroactive compensation requests. There has grown up an industry for fictitious damage suits," Hanegbi told the committee, describing how lawyers sent forms to "victims" who sometimes were not aware that they had

viduals and groups, the goals unite us and the fact that we are

Israeli citizens with a common

the face of the extremists on the

margins of Israeli society who are

prepared to raise their fists against

democracy and destroy it from

Barak urged the formation of a

team under a former justice that

would draw up a code of ethics

Several speakers noted that the

Second Temple was said to have

said decency covered other aspects of life besides politics,

and should include allowing dri-

vers to get ahead of you in traffic.

allowing a person to finish a sen-

tence and accepting personal

The session was initiated by

MK Rafi Edri (Labor), who heads

the Knesset Forum of Goodwill.

Also in attendance were President

Ezer Weizman, his wife Reuma, State Comptroller Miriam Ben-

Porat, Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau

and other dignitaries.

fallen because of blind hatred. Yisrael Ba'aliya's Zvi Weinberg

for Knesset debates.

responsibility.

"At the outset of the difficult decisions ahead of us, we must stand together, hand-in-hand, in

fate unites us.

growing constantly, he said. Because so much time has elapsed, it is impossible to check out the facts.

Hanegbi said that ministry officials had rechecked the bill "with a magnifying glass and with heavy hearts" to make it more lenient. "We wanted to bring a lew to the Knesset which satisfied us from the moral point of

Only last week, NIS 200,000 in compensation "to a wanted man who has blood on his hands" was ordered by the court, seid Victor Bar-Gil, of the Defense Ministry.

Why don't you simply admit this is e problematic bill instead of passing it off as something good?" asked Dedi Zucker (Meretz). "You are trying to pass e special law for Mohammed. Even the British in India did not have separate laws for netives... This smells of

#### Wolves attack cattle on Golan

By DAVID RUDGE

A pack of wolves crept into a cattle shed on the outskirts of Moshav Keshei on the Golan Heights late Monday night and devoured a calf. The Nature Reserves Authority

(NRA) issued a calming note last night, saying that it is unlikely the wolves are rabid. The problem of wolves attacking sheep and calves, however, has beeo causing a headache for both breeders and environmentalists.

Wolves are classified as an endangered species and are protected by law. Breeders are loathe to harm them, but are anxious to protect their herds.

NRA spokeswoman Dina Weinstein stressed that the incident did not occur within the moshav, but in a cattle shed nearby, and that only four wolves were involved. She said the authority is trying to

help the breeders to cope, without animals. the Recommended methods include enclosing grazing areas with electric fences and having dogs to guard herds, pens, and cattle sheds.

# High Court delays IDF deferment decision

By ARIEN O'SULLIYAN

A High Court of Justice tribunal, hearing a petition to limit the number of draft deferments given for religious reasons, decided yesterday that the case was so significant that the size of the bench needs to be increased to include more Supreme Court justices.

The petition was filed by Meretz MKs Amnon Rubenstein and Haim Oron, who claim that the number of Israelis granted deferment from military service has steadily climbed and could soon equal 10 percent of the population eligible for the draft. They are seeking a "reasonable" ceiling of around 3-4%.

The petitiooers' attorney, Ra'anan Har

Zahav, told the court that the increased burden on those who do serve was a blow to equality and was ultimately a reason for a drop in moti-

But attorney Uzi Fogelman, representing the state, said that Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai claimed the number of deferments had not harmed the state and the procedure should be left as is and no limits imposed.

"Quite frankly we think that this position is tainted by political considerations," Rubenstein said. "Mordechai should be more courageous."

Mishael Cheshin, one of the three justices hearing the case, said that the time has come to take the decision of whether one is drafted from the hands of the yeshiva students and give it to the IDF. Following deliberations, the justices decided to increase the number of justices hearing the petition. No date has yet been set

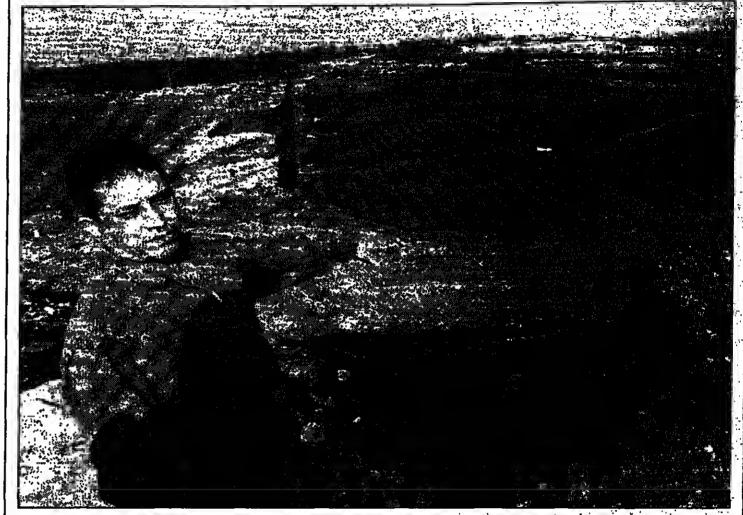
for a new hearing.

This indicates that the Supreme Court thinks it's an important issue and not a mere quibble."
Rubenstein said. "We see that they don't regard

it as a marginal thing."

Oron said senior IDF manpower officers told him that the army was lacking personnel. According to Oron, drafting yeshiva students could help solve some of the IDF's manpower

The IDF Spokesman refused to comment on the hearing.



#### Hiriya dump collapses

A workman points to the section of the Hiriya dump which collapsed yesterday, blocking Nahal Ayalon. Environment Ministry director-general Nehama Ronen said that if the rain continues, nearby settlements and parts of Ben-Gurion Airport may be flooded, and that garbage may wash into Tel Aviv, then into the sea.

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## MKs drum out their frustrations

not war, which sounded out in the Knesset yesterday. But they were enough to cause the Knesset Guard to coming running to see just what was going on outside the Labor and Social Affairs Committee room.

The drums were brought to the committee by three youths who wanted to demonstrate an unusual form of relaxation therapy and Yehezkel and Amir Peretz came and joined them. They were informed by the

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youths that sitting in a circle and drumming to the same beat could set off a process which could solve problems "at the individual, group, national and international level." Levy remained unconvinced.

The group carried on trying to release some of their tension before the special session on tolerance and conciliation. But the Knesset Guard decided the commotion was getting out of hand and told the kids to - beat it.

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getting rid of pent-up frustrations. "The degree of frustration I've Just as committee chairman reached because of the simanon of They were the drums of peace, Maxim Levy (Gesher) and Labor the development towns and the MK. Sallah Tarif got into the needy cannot be solved like this," he thythm of things, Labor MKs Avi said. Nonetheless, he seemed relucsaid. Nonetheless, he seemed reluctant to stop bashing the instrument.

Tarif decided there might be something to it. "It could be good for Arafat and Bibi because their hands shake anyway," he declared.

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# Register halachic conversions

NEW YORK - The American Conservative movement, in a memo that alludes to its differences with its Reform counterpart, has called for the registration of all conversions in Israel that meet "halachic criteria." Conservatives' memo came two weeks after the American Reform leadership issued a report in which it suggested that the Neeman Committee seek an administrative solution for conversions because the "model" for interdenominational compromise lacks the good will

Unlike the Reform report, the Conservative memo said it did not want to set any "bottom line" conditions for the Neeman committee, which is charged with reaching a compromise on conversion by January 31. However, the memo said, "it would be impossible to accept any process that does not provide for the registration of all

The memo, which was released and congregational wings. Rabbi Epstein of the United Synagogue of

conversions in Israel that meet this week, was written by the directors of the Rabbinical Assembly, and Rabhi Jerome tors of the movement's rabbinical Assembly, and Rabhi Jerome

## Sharansky backs Neeman proposal

Israel must have a mutually acceptable definition of conversion to Judaism, Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky said yesterday.

Sharansky was speaking at an international conference on Pluralism and Religious Liberty at the Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem, sponsored by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. The Becket Fund, which is often opposed to such US Jewish groups as the American Jewish Congress and American Jewish Committee, has provided legal support for a wide range of issues in the US, including a New Jersey mayor who which wanted to have both a hanukkia

and a Christmas creche and a bus company which allowed a hassidic group to set up a mehitra.

Sharansky said that while he favored full freedom of religious expression for Jews and non-Jews, the issue of conversion was one which needed a political resolution. We have to guarantee pluralism to every person,

Jew, Christian or Moslem, and to every person who belongs to a different group within Judaism, but at the same time we must have a common political denominator of who is Jewish," Sharansky said.

He said the best possible solution is the Neeman Committee's proposal, which Sharansky described as one in which all streams of Judaism would teach prospective converts, but the conversion itself would take place under the auspices of the Chief Rabbinate. However Rabbi David Rosen, Israel director of the ADL, predicted the Neeman Committee would not succeed in putting forward an acceptable proposal, because most of those in the rabbinical establishment

were unwilling to relinquish their monopoly.
Rosen noted that Sharansky had said he did not believe the new Russian law recognizing only a four official religious groups would survive, because the human spirit could not be suppressed. However, Rosen said, this same principle would serve to break the Chief Pabhinsta's meanably in Israel Chief Rabbinate's monopoly in Israel.

Social workers profest against plans to cut aid to troubled youth and other weak sectors in the 1998 budget at a demonstra-

social workers profest against plans to cut and to troubled youth and other weak sectors in the 1776 budget at a demonstra-tion opposite the Treasury yesterday. Hundreds of social workers from around the country showed up to profest, despite the pouring rain. The sign in front reads, 'Children are in danger! It's an embarrassment to the nation.'

tioned that although Conservative movement in the Diaspora has a "vital role to play in the fight for pluralism, it is important to remember that we are, in fact, seeking recognition for our fellow Jews in the Masorti (Conservative) movement in Israel."

The Israeli-American distinction seemed especially significant, in part, because the differences between Israeli and American practices have sown confusion among the Conservaove rabbis and laity about their alliance with Reform, Meyers said.

The Conservative movement has had to explain why it advocates that Israel accept practices that it finds untenable. It does not routinely accept Reform conversions, which tend to be viewed as "incomplete," and does not accept the Reform doctrine of patrilineal descent.

The issue is not so much pracoce as openness to different practices,

# NEWS

Gasoline prices drop

Gasoline prices dropped last night at midnight, and 96 octane ow costs NIS 3.31 a liter, down 0.9 percent, and 95 octane NIS 3.32 a liter, down 0.6%. Diesel fuel dropped 9.4% and hearing Jerusalem Post Staff oil costs 10.02% less.

## Airbus offers to increase purchases in Israel

In an apparent last-minute effort to sway El Al, Airbus is considering increasing its commitment to buy equipment in Israel. John Leahey, Airbus marketing vice president, announced the move following a flying 12-hour visit yesterday. Haim Hacham, director of Teshet, which represents Airbus in Israel, said the company was seeking potential Israeli producers. The announcement came as the tension increased over El Al's choice for a \$200 million deal to acquire five additional medium-range aircraft, from either Airbus or Boeing, the company which has supplied all El Al aircraft in recent years. The El Al acquisition commission, headed by Amos Lapidot, is to make its recommendation shortly before the company's board is to meet tomorrow.

Schools spending up 3-4% a year

Despite all the talk about cuts in the Education Ministry Israel increased spending on schooling hy 3-4% per capita each year According to Central Bureau of Statistics data released yesterbetween 1992-96.

day, the increase was 5-6% a year between 1995-96. A comparison with other developed countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development shows that while in Israel school expenditures were 8.9% of gross domestic product, other countries assessed about 2.2%. The domestic product, other countries averaged about 6.2%. Turkey was last on the list with 4.1%, while the US came in at 6.8%. Jerusalem Post Staff

Compromise on burial still being sought

The High Court of Justice gave the Moslem and Jewish families of Shuakat Kuza, who died nearly two weeks ago hut has not been huried, until tomorrow to work out a compromise on whether he will be interred as a Jew or a Moslem.

Kuza, bom a Moslem, lived for 30 years to a Jewish woman and converted three years ago to marry her. But soon after that, he left his Jewish wife without divorcing her, reverted to Islam, and married a Moslem woman. After he died, each woman demanded that he be huried according to her religion, and they took the case to the High Court, A compromise, wherehy he would be huried in the Moslem

cemetery in Haifa hut right near the Jewish section, with two separate ceremonies, has not been finalized, apparently because of an unresolved monetary dispute.

#### Court temporarily halts demolition of mosque

Lod Magistrate's Court yesterday issued a temporary injuncnon against the Lod Municipality and the regional planning commission to stop them from demolishing a new mosque in the Pardess Shnir quarter. According to Beduin's Rights
Association chairman Nuri el-Okbi, the Moslems of the town, many of whom are Beduin from the Negev who were resettled hy the government in the 1950s, had formerly prayed in a temporary structure. When this was replaced with the present modem huilding, the municipality and planning commission said it was illegal. The order is to remain in force until Monday, when the court is to hear the case.

#### Transport Ministry warns vehicle testing stations

The Transport Ministry warned yesterday that it intends to cancel the licenses of vehicle testing stations which passed vehicles that were not road-worthy. The warning comes in the wake of police findings that there are many such vehicles on the road. Ministry deputy director-general for traffic Zvi Yuzent yesterday asked Cmdr. Ya'acov Ganot, head of the police traffic division, to turn over his findings so that the offenders can be investigated. Ministry Director-General Nahum Langental said that a new 25-person inspection team has been set up to keep watch over the testing stations.

#### Man emerges from coma, gets matriculation

Despite being classified as a "vegetable" for 18 months,
Efraim Butrashvili, 25, a graduate of the Ashdod
Comprehensive High School, has gained his matriculation certificate, with an average grade of 90. Butrashvili suffered severe injuries in a car accident while in 12th grade, in the midst of preparing for his matriculation exams.

Aryeh Dean Cohen and Judy Siegel

## **Teachers** step up sanctions today

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Teachers' saoctioos will be widened today as the Secondary School Teachers Association joins the Histadrut Teachers Union in preventing extracurricular activities.

The association is to resume the sanctions it had suspended last month for a three-week period, during which it had hoped a deal could be worked out with the Treasury relating to payment for work done outside the schools, such as accompanying school trips, and on principals' wages.

Those pupils who left on school trips earlier this week were to be brought back to school last night if no solution was found.

The teachers will not permit any after-school cultural activities either in or out of schools. School principals are also to cnt contacts with the ministry on pedagogic and administrative matters. Principals and teachers have also been instructed not to cooperate with ministry inspectors, co selors or other ministry representatives.

Yesterday, school trips and cultural events in elementary schools and some junior high and high schools did not take place as the Histadrut Teachers Union imposed sanctions. Teachers also refrained from participating in teachers' meetings and meetings with parents.

A spokeswoman for the association said there was currently "no contact" with the Finance Ministry about the dispute.

"If there was any kind of contact, we wouldn't put a time limit on the talks. But since nothing is happening, we're renewing the sanctions," she said.

She said that even though the

Knesset Education Committee had thrown its support behind the teachers' demands, "the Finance Ministry apparently just isn't ready to give us more at this

Education Minister Zevulon Hammer yesterday suggested asking the foundation that deals with unbequeathed estates (Kereo Ha'izvonot) to allocate funds to help popils whose pareots are

unemployed. Education Ministry officials said that millions of shekels are needed

for this purpose.
Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell said that there are Ministry thousands of pupils whose parents are unemployed and who are having trouble coping in school. "A family economic crisis also impacts directly on the children's education," be said.

He called on principals, home room teachers, and kindergarten teachers to be sensitive to the issue, and noted that it is forbidden to bar such children from school events if their parents cannot afford to pay.

#### Accident results in warning about 'go-peds' By JUDY SIEGEL ver is completely exposed to

A 14-year-old was severely injured yesterday when his "goped," a motorized two-wheel scooter, was involved in a collisioo with a car. Doctors at the Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah Tikva said that the young victim was rushed to the emergency room in a coma, with broken legs that need-

ed surgery.

injury. Its gasoline motor allows it

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well as wearing a protective helmet, knee and elbow protectors, Go-ped riders are not required to

According to the hospital, the

spokeswoman said.

#### Hammer suggests help for children of jobless He also ooted that Hammer had stipulated that the level of unem-By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

ployment in towns should be a major criteria for determining where the long school day, scheduled to begin on January 1, should be instituted first. The money from the foundation

is to be used for lending books and school bags to needy children, to pay for summer camps, school trips and other activities.

Meanwhile, the Knesset Education Committee discussed ways education could be used to combat poverty.

The doctors said that go-peds, korkines in Hebrew, are very dangerous when in traffic, as the dri-

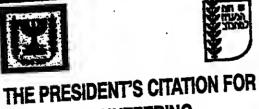
to reach speeds of up to 35 kilometers per hour. Riding it requires much skill, as

gloves, and sports shoes. have a license.

manufacturer warns against riding go-ped in heavy traffic. Therefore, there is no place for it on urban streets, the hospital

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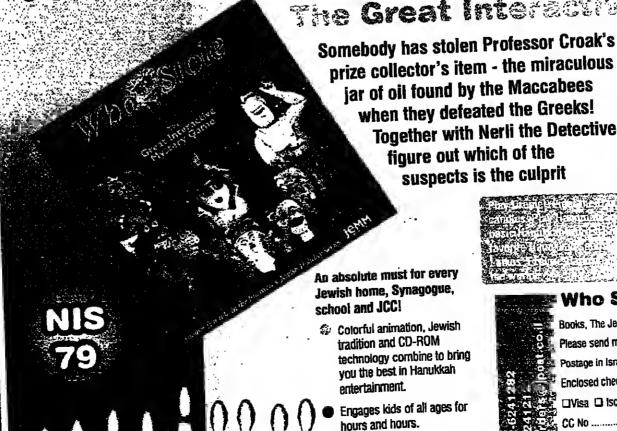
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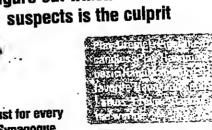
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## Persian breeze in the Gulf

Column One

Thomas O'Dwyer

Tran has not made one single gesture to the West since the revolution, said Henry Kissinger recently. The gesture has come now, but what are we to make of it? It is no great surprise new president Mohammed Khatami wants to open a dialogue with the US. It has been clear from his May elec-

tion victory that he is from a new breed of Iranian cleric appealing to an old type of Iraoian voter - the one that wants more political, economic and cultural freedom.

Before last week's Islamic summit in Teheran, senior diplomats told us it would be a watershed for the Middle East. They said it would shift attention from the "New Middle East" con-

cepts of an ossified peace process to a new balance of power in which Iran would play a weighty part.

They were right. Although the final conference resolution surprised many experts with its consensual moderation, there remained an undercurrent of anger and bitterness among the Arab delegates for the failed peace process. While everyone was reasonably polite to Yasser Arafat, a brawl between Iranian security guards and his minders provided a little vignette of the contempt for the Palestinians in

Separate states

Apart from the obligatory swipe at Israel, the conference declaration made no mention of the peace process, despite heated debates on the issue, opting for Khatami's strategy of Islamic cooperation rather than confrontation. Notably absent from the cooperation formula was the Iranian domestic scene, the speeches by spiritual leader Ali Khamenei and Khatami could have been from two leaders of separate and radically opposed states. That delineates the battlefield for the future of Iranian foreign policy. Khatami has chosen to outflank the mullahs by going directly to Iran's once hostile Arab neighbors and to liberal opinion in Europe and the US. Of course, any gesture to Israel would be a step too far at this stage, but in the long term, and assuming the Khatami forces are victorious, such a mood change cannot be ruled out. Khatami's statement that while Iran is opposed to the peace process it will not take direct action against it, could be read as a hint to Israel rather than any gesture to the dead duck of Oslo.

Since his landslide election which shocked the mullahs from the Ayatollah Khomeini school of intransigence. Khatami has clearly indicated his drift. Who would have believed an Iranian cleric would have the gall to travel the country on the back of a slogan for "Iran first, Islam second."

The slogan in action means Khatami believes international isolation is not good for his country. So he at once moved to improve relations with his neighbors across the Gulf.

Former president Ali Akbar Rafsanjani had made half-hearted efforts to do the same, but be

had become weary after bis years of battling the fundameotalists and his bid to sign a security pact with the Gulf Cooperation Council came to пothing. "Arab neighbors have oo problems,

Rafsanjani said. "The main obstacle is the United States and Britain." This curious attitude to the West is not simply hostile Islamic

sloganeering; it reflects a mindset in post-revolutionary Iran based on it perception that the Gulf formerly the Persian Gulf, remember - has become the American Gulf.

Whatever its regime, Iran has for most of history regarded itself as the dominant power in its region. It is right of course, no strategic equation can be calculated without taking account of that great unbroken Iranian coastline from the Shatt-al-Arab to the Strait of Hormuz.

Looking out from Iran's Bandar Abass naval base through Iranian eyes, it would seem the Gulf - oil tanker alley - is run by the American Navy, aided by the British, and facilitated by a compliant GCC. It is oot just the jealousy of a former power for the alien new order. Iran's entire economy depends on the Gulf especially its oil and gas production and its shipping.

Up the creek

Toward the end of the Iran-Iraq War Iran was all but blockaded by Iraq and the Americans because of its war attacks on tanker traffic. It may have been picturesque to see the giant Iranian sailing dhows unloading carpets, copper, spices, and pistachios in the creek of Dubai, but it brought home to the most casual observer that the importance of the Gulf to Iran is as ancient as the dhows and smugglers that run its coast.

This was a theme taken up by Ayatollah Khamenei in his hardline speech to the conference that US warships in the Gulf are "a major source of insecurity in the region." In that historic light Khatami's moderate language was all the more interesting. He called for more "accountability" from Khamenei's clerics, demanding performance before

And while be also criticized the West he added: "We should never be oblivious to judicious acquisition of the positive accomplishments of the Western

# Iran's shaky glasnost

President Khatami's diplomatic moderation is coupled with a cultural liberalization which is anathema to hard-line clerics

#### By JOHN LANCASTER

TEHRAN, Iran - Four years ago, Iranian cultural authorities slapped a ban on the work of Tahmineh Milani, one of the country's best-known filmmakers. Her offense? A female character had appeared in one of her films without the traditional Moslem head scarf. The character was eight years old.

But things are looking up for Milani and, some say, for Iran. Last month, the Ministry of Islamic Guidance unexpectedly removed her from its list of banned artists, freeing her to resume her career.

"I am very optimistic," said Milani, 37, a stylish, outspoken woman who lives with her architect husband and their 18-monthold daughter in a high-rise apartmeot decorated with Persian carpets and abstract art. "I think people have more freedom of speech. They have more self-confidence." Expanded cultural freedom is perhaps the most striking example of how life in Iran is changing under President Mohammed Khatami, a moderate cleric who last May won a landslide victory over the candidate of the hard-line religious establishment that has ruled Iran since its 1979 Islamic revolution. Books have been unbanned, censorship eased, and licenses granted to newspapers and magazines whose publishers had previously been considered suspect.

In academic circles, there is even talk of the need for improved relations with the United States, which has no diplomatic ties with Iran and is still referred to in official news media here as "the global arrogance." One of the most vivid demonstrations of the new mood occurred last month when millions of Iranians poured into the streets of the capital to celebrate the upset World Cup-qualifying victory of the Iranian national soccer team over Australia.

As police looked on helplessly, young people danced in the streets, bonked their homs and blasted music from car stereos; some women even shed their mandatory head scarfs.

"This is what I call a soccer revolution," said a foreign diplomat who walked bome that night through jubilant crowds. "All the streets were blocked with people....They have set the ball rollingfor this closed society." But Iran's transformation is far from complete - and may yet be reversed.

By most reckonings, Khatami ranks third in the Iranian political hierarcby, behind former president Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani who beads a powerful advisory council, and Ayatollah Ali Khameini, an arch-conservative who is supreme spiritual leader and controls security services and foreign policy. Khameini's allies still hold sway in parliament, where they recently initiated the corruption trial of Tehran's popular mayor, Gholam Hossein Karabaschi, a skilled municipal manager and one of Khatami's closest political allies.

A backlash is also developing among the powerful volunteer



Although chastened by Khatami's victory — attributed in part to his emphasis on the rule of law - the baseji have resumed their arbitrary ways, raiding mixed-sex parties and, in October, shutting down a folk concert in the city of Arak that had been sanctioned by the provincial government.

The deepening power struggle erupted into public view last Tuesday, when Khameini and Khatami offered starkly contrasting views on relations between Islam and the West in opening speeches at a summit of leaders of Muslim states. Khameini's speech was laced with anti-Western venom: Khatami called for dialogue and understanding.

Compounding Khatami's challenge are dire economic problems, including stagnant wages, rising prices and failure to produce jobs for a labor force that is growing at an estimated annual rate of 4.5 percent Given the high expectations that

attended his unforeseen victory in May, Khatami's failure to curb the baseji and improve the material well-being of Iranians after 100 days in office has disappointed many supporters.

"I don't think he can do anything because he's one person against Tehran and works for his father's textile company, was speaking outside a pizzeria that is a popular hangout for well-to-do young people - and, as such, a favorite target of the baseii.

He has reason to feel bitter. Last month, he said, he was arrested in a baseji raid on a private party, jailed for two days and then flogged with 40 lashes after a perfunctory trial.

"There were barely any drinks," he said. "No one was high, It was just music and boys and girls " Given the pervasiveness of such complaints, it is easy to forget that the toppling of USbacked Sbah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi in 1979 enjoyed broad public support. Many Iranians were outraged by the shah's disdain for traditional Shiite Muslim leaders and his eager embrace of Western culture. But clerical leaders' failure to solve the country's economic problems or to ease restrictions on personal freedom has generated public anger, espe-cially among women and those too young to remember the revolution.

Their support was crucial to Khatami's success, and many continue to view him as a potential savior. That view was largely bome out in an afternoon of conversations recently with young people in Jamshidieh Park as they strolled on stone footpaths that cling to a mountainside amid cedar groves and meticulously landscaped rock gardens.

Areezoo, 19, for example, resents conservative mullahs at Tehran University, where she studies computer science by default. She said her application to study education was turned down because she prefers to wear blue jeans and a knee-length overcoar rather than the billowy black robe, or chador, favored by the mullahs.

And although she acknowledges that little has changed since Khatami was elected, she said she has not given np hope. "Mr. Khatami is very popular among the students," she said. "We'll just have to wait and see.... It takes time to implement." A companion, Gaelareh, 17, agreed. "He gets into our hearts," she said. "Yes, there will be change, but it takes a long time."

One factor that clearly works to Khatami's advantage is his elfeffacing style. In contrast to Rafsanjani and Khameini, he

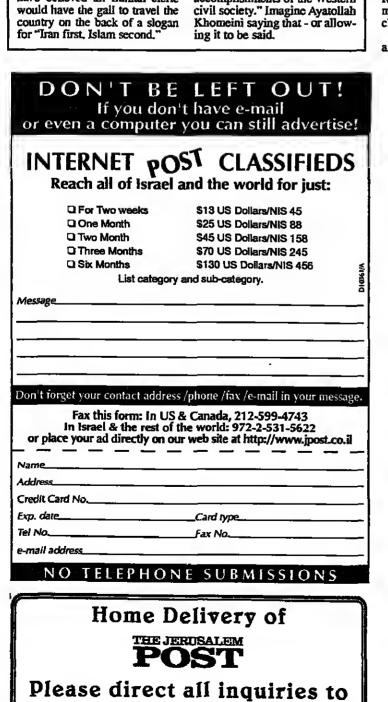
eschews motorcades and has ordered that his picture not be displayed in government buildings. He travels widely in Iran, touring schools and supermarkets and talking over the heads of rival politicians in direct encounters with ordinary Iranians.

"It's curious, but people don't like to blame him," said Tehran, University political scientist Sadiq

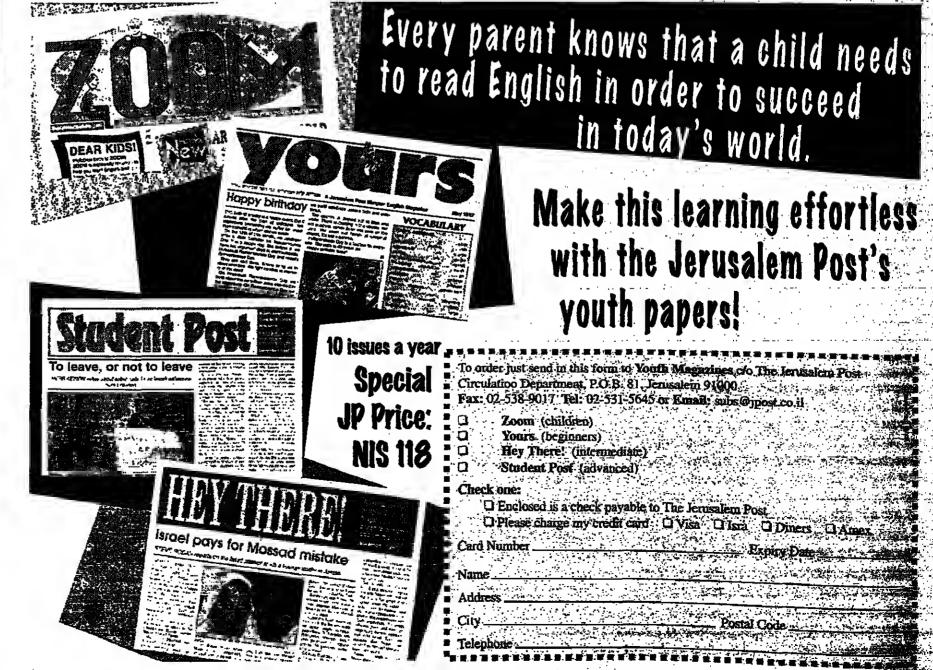
For now, the biggest changes have occurred in the cultural

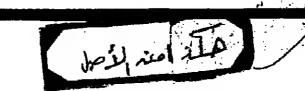
Novelist Mahmoud Doulatabadi, for example, recently learned that his 10-volume epic, Kelidar, has been released for distribution after a four-year ban. Also slated to appear shortly in Iranian bookture put out by the magazine Kelk. The previous government had refused to allow publication because it quoted allegedly pornographic work of D.H. Lawrence.

They gave us permission, but they told us, When you're publishing this book, just do it in a discreet manner," said Ali Debashi, 39, the magazine's editor in chief. After the election, we can feel that the Iranian people have no more fear and that they can affect their own fate. ... We're very hope-(The Washington Post)



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## Search on for huge meteor in Greenland

COPENHAGEN (AP) - Danish Air Force planes yesterday searched the vast white wastes of Greenland for traces of a buge meteor believed to have struck the ice-capped island.

The search was prompted by a giant flash that split the darkness about 5 a.m. on December 9. The flash was reported by three fishermen working off Greenland's east coast and a parking-lot surveil-lance camera in Nuuk, the territory's capital on the west coast, recorded a brief illumination at

"According to the accounts, the flash was so buge that we have good reason to believe that this is a giant [meteor]," said Bjoern Franck Joergensen, of the Tycho Planetarium

Joergensen said it likely was "a one-piece, solid meteor" that crashed, adding most meteors explode or break up as they enter the atmosphere. Such rocks travel at more than 12,000 kilometers per hour.

Joergensen declined to speculate on bow large the meteor may bave

The search has been hampered by heavy snowfalls that could easily bury even a large meteor or obscure its crater. About 85 percent of Greenland is covered by a near-featureless ice cap.

# Mandela slams whites in ANC farewell

President Nelson Mandela, the champion of racial reconciliation in South Africa, used a caustic farewell speech as ANC leader vesterday to lambast rich whites for clinging to their ill-gotten gains.

He told a conference of his African National Congress, which his deputy Thabo Mbeki is set to take over from him as party president, that the roughest patch in the struggle to knit black and white society together has yet to come.

Mandela said South Africa's transformation from apartheid to equality had just begun, and the strength of ugly resistance by those seeking "to maintain the privileges of the white minority" had not yet been fully tested.

"However, the desire to maintain these privileges has been demonstrated consistently," he told some 3,000 applauding delegates in the bot, historic city of Matikeug in South Africa's northwest province, in one of his last major party

He said some whites thought "national reconciliation" meant compensating them for the loss of political power by guaranteeing their wealth and economic muscle. Political observers said the tone of his farewell address - which

party officials said represented the view of the ANC leadership as a whole - was surprising in its bitter-The 79-year-old former political prisoner, whom Mbeki is expected to succeed as state president too after elections in early 1999,

attacked bastions of continued

white dominance. He said the apartheid leaders of



South African President Nelson Mandela (right) and his deputy, Thabo Mbeki, that before a meeting of the African National Congress's fiftieth National Conference yesterday at Mafikeng. Mbeki is replacing Mandela as president of the ANC. (Reuses)

the old white regime had refused to ness of white society in general - penuation of the apartheid system cooperate with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

including white politicians, business, the judiciary, the media and

and therefore its lack of readiness to make its own voluntary contri-The commission's work to heal the church - to explain its involve- bution to the creation of a truly the past had shown "the unwilling- ment in the maintenance and per-

It had also shown "the difficulty of sensitizing the white minority to the simmering anger of the black

Mandela branded the National Party, which installed apartheid in 1948 and dismantled it 40 years later under reformer F.W. de Klerk, a "party of white privilege" along with the smaller liberal Democratic

He accused them of assuming apartheid was dead, and that a normal democracy had been achieved. He said South Africa's democracy was a newborn baby that still need-

ed nursing.

Mandela, who will go down in history as the man who brought South Africa freedom in 1994 and then devoted himself to reconciling its races, said blacks now ran the government, but little had changed in society and the economy.

"A major and determined effort will have to be made by both the public and the private sectors to realize this objective of deracializing the economy," he said.

Mbeki, 55, is widely expected to shift the emphasis of government from reconciliation to transformation and to make tougher demands on white business to play their part. Some nine percent of companies listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange are now black-run, up from none in 1990, But many ordinary blacks say this is window-dressing and has done little to

improve their impoverished lives. Mandela's maverick ex-wife Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, stepping up onto the stage to join other party leaders from whom she has become isolated, won a loud cheer from delegates who could still

## Turkey mulls retaliatory embargo against EU

By YALMAN ONARAN

ISTANBUL (AP) - Angered by the European Union's snub of its decade-old membership application, the Turkish government is considering an embargo against EU companies bidding for state tenders, Turkish newspapers said yesterday.

The EU is Turkey's largest trading part-ner, accounting for half its foreign com-

The embargo was not expected to affect private Turkish firms. But it would affect off EU companies from state contracts.

incrative government contracts for big-tick-et items like highways, power plants, arms, and aircraft.

"Political criteria are always used in state tenders," said Haluk Tukel, an economist with the Turkish Businessmen's Association. "The government is simply saying it will use such criteria to hurt the EU."

Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit was quoted by the daily Sabah as saying the embargo is an option. The daily Hurriyet also said the cabinet is considering cutting

One cabinet member said the embargo is likely to be anofficial.

"If there's a tender conducted by my ministry, I will close the doors to European firms," State Minister Rifat Serdaroglu said, according to Sabah. "There is no official decision on an embargo, but these things are never decided officially anyway."

Sabah said state-owned Turkish Airlines had already taken a first step by freezing negotiations with the European consortium Airbus on buying three new planes worth \$330 million, Sabah said. Turkey is angry because the EU last weekend excluded it from membership

In response, Turkey has already rejected an invitation to a summit next year and accused the EU of being a "Christian club."
The government also said it would stop discussing important political issues with the EU, such as the divided island of Cyprus.

The EU cited Turkey's human rights record, the presence of its troops on Cyprus, and it sour relations with Greece as obstacles to EU membership.

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informally, said Herscher, but no formal decision has been made.

But to symbolize the kinship, at

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Saturday, Uri Herscher switched to his rabbinical persona and deliv-ered the invocation.

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# Getty Center opens

attention.

plex, which was planned and constructed over 13 years, some 800 journalists and TV crews, representing most major domestic and international ontlets, wandered across the hilitop campus in

They duly noted the vital statis-tics: The \$1 billion price tag for the museum and five satellite institutes (which still leaves a cushion of \$4.5 billion), the 54 skylit galleries, the 295,000 blocks of travertine stone shipped from Italy for the construction, and the anticipated 1.3 million

Even native Angelenos were struck by the hilltop vista, stretching from the off-shore islands to

men most responsible for the their ties to Israel.

Williams, who became president

The SCC is the "senior" of the two institutions, having opened its doors 18 months ago, and could share some of its time-and-money consuming efforts in hillside stabilization and earthquake safety measures with its younger neigh-

Williams will join two other

## Pope calls abortion 'deadly anarchy'

By PHILIP PULLELLA

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) -Pope John Paul told the new US envoy to the Vatican yesterday that abortion was a "deadly anarchy" that risked subverting the concept of justice cherished by America's founding fathers.

In his first address to the new ambassador, 81-year-old Comme "Lindy" Boggs, the Polish pontiff did not shy away from the issue that has been among the most divi-sive between the Vatican and the administration of President Bill

"The United States was founded on the conviction that an inalienable right to life was a self-evident moral muth, fidelity to which was a primary criterion of social justice." senting her credentials.

The country's moral history, the pope reminded Boggs, was aimed at allowing all Americans to enjoy the protection of law and the responsibilities of citizenship.

"Whenever a certain category of . people - the unborn or the sick and old - are excluded from that protection, a deadly anarchy subverts the original understanding of justice," he said.

The Roman Catholic Church opposes abortion at any stage, teaching that life begins at the moment of conception.

the Vatican: "The credibility of the United States will depend more and more on its promotion of a genuine culture of life, and on a renewed commitment to building a world in which the weakest and most vulnerable are welcomed and protect-

Abortion is one of the most divisive moral issues in the United States, where "pro-choice" and "pro-life" advocates regularly confront each other outside abortion clinics and at demonstrations.

A low point in relations between the Vatican and the United States came in 1996 when the Vatican accused Clinton of shameful action for vetoing a ban on a type of lateterm abortion known as "partial birth abortion."

fetus from the womb, inserting a catheter in the skull and removing the brain before the fetus is taken

The pope told Boggs that the founding documents of the United States - a reference to the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights - contained self-evident truths built into human nature by God.

Boggs, a practicing Catholic whose looks belie her years, succeeds Payment II. ceeds Raymond Flynn, a former Boston mayor who caused controversy in Washington because of his The pope told Boggs, the oldest outspoken statements,

#### temperatures dropped to -25 degrees Centigrade. (Resten) Five people freeze to death in Moscow

A Belarus man cries out as he plunges into the freezing

waters of Lake Komsomolskoye in Minsk yesterday, where

MOSCOW (AP) - Five people died of hypothermia yesterday during one of Moscow's coldest December nights since the start of the century, and some 50 were bospitalized with frostbite, officials said.

Temperature in Moscow dropped to minus 28 C overnight - the coldest for December 16 since 1902, said Russian Weather Service spokeswoman Tatyana spokeswoman Zhemchugova.

On Moscow's outskirts and in the suburbs, temperatures ranged between minus 31 C and minus 34 C, weather service spokesman Anatoly Yakovlev said.

The number of frostbite victims last night was bigher than in the entire previous week, when one person died and 31 were bospitalized, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. More than 220 Muscovites were injured, slipping on the ice-covered sidewalks over the

But deputy head of Moscow city government Boris Nikolsky said the number of victims was relatively low for this severe weather,

Moscow's Soviet-era beating system is plagued by frequent breakdowns, but Nikolsky said only two minor malfunctions were reported during the night in this city of 10 million peo-

ple, ITAR-Tass reported. But contrary to earlier forecasts of further temperature plunges, the weather was expected to warm up, Zhemchugova said.

At the Moscow Zoo, administration bas turned up the heating system and all animals were feeling fine, zoo spokeswoman Natalya Istratova said.

The coldest December night in Moscow was registered in 1992, when temperature reached minus 38 C on December 28, Zhemchugova

Hundreds of people die in Moscow each winter of hypothermia and drunkenness. which leaves them incapable of seeking shelter from the

The cold from moving across Central Russia also bit the southern region of Rostov-on-Don, paralyzing the public transportation system.

In the Volga River city of Volgograd, more than 100 homes and several hospitals without heat in the minus 28 C weather after a breakdown at a heating station.

In northern Russia temperatures dropped to minus 45 C. Cold weather began particularly early this year, with several snowfalls since mid-October and temperatures regularly below freezing.

# to great fanfare

BY TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES - The Genty public yesterday, and not since the 1984 Olympic Games has Los Angeles reveled in so much positive (and non-Hollywoodian) press

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in the accomplishments of the two Getty directors as trustees of the Skirball, and "we will be able to. Getty's creation, Harold M. learn much from his experience, Williams and Richard Meier, and said Dr. Uni Herscher, the SCC's founding president and chief executive officer. Some joint ventures in exchang-

of the J. Paul Getty Trust in 1981, is retiring from his post next month and joining the board of trustees at the Getty's Jewish neighbor, the Skirball Cultural Center and muse-Despite their differences in scale

and endowment, the Getty Center and the Skirball Cultural Center. which is affiliated with the Hebrew Union College, were fated by nature to work together as the southern and northern anchor of the same hilltop formation in the Santa Monica Mountains pass.

The connection was recognized by the Getty Trust over a decade ago, with a \$1 million grant to the Skirball during its early hardscrabble fundraising efforts.

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About a third of cases are found to require vaccination - at \$800 per series of six shots.

Ministry director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash said yesterday that Israel imports more anti-rabies vaccine than the US (in actual numbers, not in proportion to population) and is having difficulty finding an adequate supply from manufacturers.

"We just brought in 800 sets yesterday," added Dr. Alex Levinthal, director of the public bealth department.

Barabash convened a press conference in his office yesterday, with representatives of the Agriculture Ministry's Veterinary Services and other Health Ministry officials. They urged the public to keep away from stray and wild animals, protect their pets from the disease and report any animal biting or scratching to

#### GIL Continued from Page 1

The charge sheet says that after Gil retired, he was brought back on a special contract and continued deceiving the Mossad, knowing the information he gave had a major effect on national security and that the intelligence community regarded it as highly important.
Gil intends to plead not guilty,

according to his attorney Yigal Shapita. He has admitted in his interrogation that he gave false information, but claims it was not. information which could damage national security and denies he

the nearest district health office. If bitten or scratched, it is wise to wash the wound immediately with soap and water to kill as many of the pathogens as possible. The officials accused activists in

animal protection organizations of

partial responsibility for the rabies outbreak, saying that veterinarians were being intimidated by activists who complained to police about stray dogs being "put down."
"Police files have been opened against them, even though they are fulfilling their responsibility to public health and doing it bumanely by injection,"

bumsnely by injection," Agriculture Ministry director-general Danny Kreitchman said. Benny Schlezinger, a founder of the Let the Animals Live group, said these complaints were "scandalous" and "an attempt to cover no for a failure to treat the prob-

lem properly." Schlezinger also said that the veterinary services were acting more intensively in urban areas where the risk of rabies is low and less in rural areas and Arab vil-

had any intention to do so. Shapira will note that Gil was underwent a lie detector test and was found to be telling the truth. Meanwhile, the Knesset subcommittee on the secret services

intends to summon Prime

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to

testify on the Gil affair.

Mossad head Danny Yatom, who testified before the committee this week, said the Mossad set up teams to probe the affair and its implications. Be said the affair could have had severe residus. because Gil's false reports indicated belligered intentions on "We'll do all that we can to ensure that they get it," Berlovich contradicted by other information. said.

lages where the risk is higher. Although rabies is most often spread by wild animals, such as foxes, jackals and weasels, and then, in turn, by dogs, there have been cases of other animals being infected, such as cats and in one case, a pet hare. Any wild animal that appears in an urban area should be suspected of being rabid. Areas most prone to rabid ani-

mals are the Golan, Galilee and Arava, but infected mammals have appeared throughout the country. Egyptian and Jordanian authorities were cooperating with Israel on rabies control, but the Palestinian Authority was not in contact with Israel on this issue. Pet owners have no reason to

panic but should make sure their dogs and cats are vaccinated, said Dr. Andre Menache, who heads Noah, the Federation of Israeli Animal Welfare Groups.

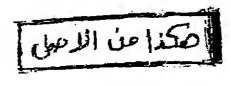
"There is certainly no human epidemic," said Menache yesterday. "The problem is rabies among wildlife - sylvatic rabies and not urban rabies."

#### BASKET Continued from Page 1

He said he could not take it because it caused him liver problems. But he is a member of a group of patients demanding that Rilotex be supplied to patients

that need it. Dr. Yitzhak Berlovich, head of the ministry's medical services division, commented that he had begin to investigate, and that
ALS patients who require the
drug should get it.
"We'll do all that we can to

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# Diary of a has-been

#### Once a notorious first lady and now a 68-year-old widow, Imelda Marcos is still a fascinating figure for most Filipinos

#### By DAVID LAMB

MANILA, Philippines — For a convicted felon facing 24 years in prison, Imelda Marcos seemed to have not a care in the world. Dressed like a queen, as effervescent as champagne, she laughed and chatted and hardly even noticed that her recreational vehicle had come to a standstill in Manila's oumbing traffic.

At a worktable in the RV, she sketched a map of the world, making a point about global power shifts. She spoke about losing Vietnam to the Communists, her concern over China's growing influence - "the Chinese will boil you in your own fat," she says
— and her admiration for late US president Richard Nixon.

Her conversation was sprinkled with such phrases as, "As I told Chairman Mao" or "I remember Churchill saying," as well as biblical references and homilies about love and beauty.

Imelda Marcos, the widow of Ferdinand Marcos, who ruled here for 21 years, is 68, tall, elegant, outlandish and still a celebrity.

Although her name has been sullied. her fortune confiscated, and ber freedom gained only after posting bail, the irrepressible Marcos is convinced that rehabilitation and vindication are within reach, if only people would embrace the same history she does.

The world may remember her primarily as the woman with a lavish lifestyle and 1,200 pairs of shoes, but to Filipinos, she is still the bejeweled, impeccably coiffed lady with waistlength jet-black hair and star qualities wbom you can love or bate but not

ignore. She mesmerized the US Embassy's Fourth of July party by singing the American and Philippine national

And when she walked unannounced into a New Orleans restaurant, the

American owner, Murray Hertz, recalled:

"Conversation just stopped. It was like a movie star had come in. She asked for a mike and started singing. She had everyone spellbound because this was Imelda Marcos. She has tremendous charisma. And I think the Filipinos, who are forgiving people anyway, have a hard time staying mad at someone like that."

Finally clear of traffic, her RV pulled up to Congress, and Marcos, an elected member of the lower house from distant Leyte island, alighted to the cheers of a hundred supporters.

She acted taken aback, surprised, then delighted by an unexpected show of affection.

Schoolchildren gathered around and serenaded her with some Christmas

Marcos, who suffers from irreversible glaucoma, removed ber dark glasses and dabbed at a tear. The crowd grew. Not to worry, she said. She bad Christmas presents for

everyone. She motioned the crowd to follow ber onto the street where three trailer trucks were parked, loaded with numerous 4.5-kilo bags of rice bearing the words, "Merry Christmas,

In 1976, a friend, Sol Vanzi, read Marcos's palm, and F.L. - as she was then known, for first lady - had three questions: Will I ever be poor again? Will I die violently? Will my family and I be able to stay together forever in the Philippines?

Ten years later, Ferdinand Marcos and bis wife of 32 years fled to Hawaii in a "People Power" revolution that brought Corazon Aquino to the presi-

Aquino's first executive order was to set up a commission to track down and reclaim the billions of dollars Ferdinand and Imelda are said to have



Marcos, here seen autographing one of her legendary shoes, still behaves like a queen, despite having to deal with a felony conviction and enormous

Ferdinand Marcos died in Hawaii in stolen while in office - he as president, she as an unelected quasi-chief execu-

After a long legal battle, Imelda

Philippines in 1991.

By then, the Marcoses' 11 homes had been emptied of priceless art and silver collections, which were sold at

Several pieces, including a Picasso, were said to have been smuggled back 10 Imelda Marcos by former staffers who camouflaged them in fruit bas-

In 1993, Marcos was convicted of graft, in a relatively minor business transaction in which the court said she did oot benefit personally.

She is now free on \$3,000 bail while appealing the conviction, and has received permission from the Supreme Court to leave the Philippines for the first time since 1993 in order to get treatment for her eye ailment in

Marcos said that claims against the family estate now stand at some \$70

Still unresolved are the whereabouts and ownership of more than five tons

of gold.
"Simple arithmetic tells you the allegations are ludicrous," said the former first lady, who always refers to her hus-

band hy his last name. "Marcos's total budget for all his years as president was 70 billion pesos (\$2 billion at current exchange rates). You mean he stole every cent and still huilt thousands of miles of roads. power plants and all he accomplished? Add up the numbers. Something is

Indeed, history has the whole 2!

years wrong, she believes. Marcos wasn't a dictator but one of the world's great democrats. He wasn't a thief; he was an astute trader in precious metals who started huying gold when it sold for \$32 an ounce. He declared martial law not to perpetuate his own rule but to prevent the Philippines from slipping into political

Marcos was allowed to return to the instability, lawlessness and economic

As for her role, she had none, other than as loving supporter.

Imelda Marcos, who gives her \$370a-month congressional salary to charlry, says she is broke and living on the generosity of friends.

"They've been wonderful," she said.
"Doris Duke [the late tobacco heiress]gave \$5 million to bail me out and \$10 million to pay my lawyers'

Clearly, whoever is footing the bills has deep pockets, and Imelda Marcos lives in a style befitting a millionaire. though perhaps no longer that of a bil-

Half a dozen staffers, including a nurse/hairdresser, see to her needs and keep her legal documents in order. On the grand piano in her apartment are photographs of the Marcoses with world leaders such as former president Reagan, and on the coffee table are stacked books on the Marcos legacy, one of whose authors is identified as a "dissident cousin."

"A terrible book," Marcos said. "Very unfair. But that's all right, I'm used to

Next to the door were two suitcases. Marcos was preparing to wing her way to the United States for a two-week

On her itinerary were several doctors' appointments in Boston, meetings to discuss her legal wrangles, and a stopover in Washington to see friends from the times when the world knew no more powerful and wealthy couple than Ferdinand and Imelda

"I may be seeing the president," she said casually, although a US diplomat here said that wasn't in the cards. .... An outsider she may now be, but she gave no hint of understanding that any-

thing had changed from the old days. (LA Times)

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# Myths and fairy tales for Hanukka

BY HELEN KAYE

anukka means eight days of vacation for the kids, but not for Mom and Dad, so kids need to be kept busy. The good news is that there are lots of plossy musicals and kiddle shows. The bad news is that unless you can acquire the tickets through workers' committees or other discount schemes, they cost from NIS 75 and up, with the average price around NIS 100. National park sites, museums and other institutions have Hanukka activities for considerably less out-

The undoubted seasonal superstar is the revival of the evergreen Fiddler on the Roof starring the inimitable Haim Topol, who's now more suited to play Tevye the milkman than he was when he first did the role nearly 30 years ago. Rivka Raz is his Golde, and Topol's daughter Adi plays Tevye's eldest daughter, Tzeitel.

Looking exactly like all the Broadway and London productions, this Fiddler is directed by ehoreographer/director Sammy Dallas Bayes, handpicked by origi-nal director/choreographer Jerome Robbins. It opens at the Jerusalem Theater on December 20 for three shows and then comes to Binyenel Ha'oma on December 31.

At Tel Aviv's Tzavta, kids from about five on will have a ball with director Amir Maman's np-tempo adaptation of Saint-Expery's ageless fable The Little Prince, with music by Boaz Avni. In the title role, 15-year-old Amit Biron looks remarkably like the original illustrations. There's a set of luminescent stars, and energetic dancing and singing from the young cast. It starts December 24.

Up the road at Habimah there'll be the star-studded The Heart directed by Assaf Levine, which he adapted from the book by Edmondo de Amicis. The music is by Yaron Kafkaffi. It's the story of Marko's quest for his mother durng which he begins to grow up. Marko is played by 11-year-old Git Segal; Tuvia Tsafir is "the heart," Marko's guardian angel; honeyvoiced Sassi Keshet plays the bad guy; and Liat Ahiron is Marko's mother. It starts the 24th, too.

Another musical set to go that day is Robin Hood with Lior Miller in the title role, Natan Datner who will



Pinocchio (Ital Segev) finds himself behind bars, to the dismay of Jiminy Cricket (Michal Greenspan-Hashai).

no doubt have a ball as the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham, and Israel Poliakov (Poli from the Gashash Hahiver) as Tickle. Tickle? Who's she? Well, she's the Dame because this Robin Hood, directed by the UK's Paul Miles, is a panto straight from London's West End. The pantomime is traditional entertainment at Christmastime in the UK, usually based on well-known fairy tales with the Dame, always a man, providing comic relief. Of course this version also has Friar Tuck, Maid

And is there any child who doesn't know the story of Pinocchio? The little wooden boy whose nose grows wheo he lies and who becomes a real, flesh-and-blood boy because of good deeds?

Itai Segev plays the title role in yet another musical version of Pinocchia by Pinni Eden with music by Ilan Gilboa. Yossi Graber plays his father, Gepetto, Talented chorcographer Daniela Michaeli is the director and it all starts, yes, on

Despite Anat Elimelech's death, the Haifa Festigal she was to have graced will go on as planned, starting December 23 at the Sports Arena. The traditional songfest is directed by mime Hanoch Rosenne whose The Jungle Book was such a hit last year. He's modeling the show on the theme of the Home Alone movies. It stars the children's favorites from the Children's Channel, such as Hani Nahmias, Efrat Reiten, Tal Museri

Tom Avni, last year's Mowgli.

A Festigal highlight will surely be 12-year-old Ya'ara Shabo's "To Be a Child Here," winner of the Childreo's Channel Festigal Anthem contest. This year, Channel 6 is collaborating with the Haifa Municipality for the first time.

Tickets for all these shows are available at local ticket offices and at the various box offices.

Virtuosi festival for Jerusalem

(02-991-5786), a sound and light show in a cave at Neot Kedumim As an example of some museum activities, the Eretz Israel Museum

of the Merry Men. It's at Tel Aviv's December 24 again but at the and Nimrod Reshef, not to men-Beit Hahayal. December 24 again but at the and Nimrod Reshef, not to men-tion Rosenne himself and young a full range from arms and crafts workshops to sound and light shows, all during museum hours. As for other attractions, Kibbutz Ein Gedi near the Dead Sea (toll-free 177-022-3320) offers jeep trips into the desert among other places. You could take in Masada while you're down there. There are concerts at Beit Jemai (02-991-3195) or Hakhan Hacameri

Bashkirova emphasizes that

she likes the format of a long

program divided by two inter-

missions. "We want to create a

family between the musicians

and the audience. Those who

come for several evenings and

stay with us during the intermis-

sions, when we can all mingle on

the patio, will emerge at the end

The music itself, ranging from Beethoven, Haydn, Tchaikovsky,

Schubert and Mozart to Dehussy,

Poulenc, Martino and Berg, says

Bashkirova, is "like a dinner in

three courses. Some say it is too

adventurous, others say it is less

so. I think that at the beginning

we have to be somewhat more

popular in our programming, hut

we'll see. This festival is ohvi-

ously a pilot. After it is over, we

will discuss how successful it

was and what our mistakes were and then the next one will ohvi-

ously be even more successful,"

Tickets will go on sale several

she says optimistically.

months before the festival.

as special family members."

## The stars learn Kabbala

By TOM TUGEND

Text to wangling an invitation to one of the star-studded parties following the annual Academy Awards, the best place to run into your favorite Hollywood celebrities may be at the Kabbala Learning Center in Los Angeles. Kabbala, the mystical Jewish

writings dating back to the 12th century, is attracting a growing number of stars, as well as ordinary folks, in search of spiritual fulfillment and insights into the relationship between God and

One such seeker is Madonna who has been studying with the center's senior teacher, Eitan Yardeni. Such is the Material Girl's faith in her instructor that during her pregnancy she sought his advice on the best day to deliver ber ehild.

Yardeni suggested the day of Rosh Hodesh, or New Moon, and that's the day she gave birth to her daughter Lourdes, hy cesarean

The KLC is headquartered in Tel Aviv and has branches in New York, South America, Canada, Mexico and France. It has been attacked by mainstream rabbis for teaching a superficial pop version of the Kabbala without demanding any grounding in Talmud studies. A comber of disenchanted former members have charged the center with high-pressure tactics to extract their money.

Despite the criticism, the center continues to attract celebrities, both Jewish and noo-Jewish. Reputed disciples include Barbra Streisand, Elizabeth Taylor, Courtney Love, Jeff Goldblum. Laura Dern, Diane Ladd, Sandra Bernard, Donna Karan and Issac

During Yom Kippur services at the center. Roseanne Barr reserved an entire row for herself and her entourage.

But the main spotlight has fallen on Madonna, who hosted a highpowered reception for potential recruits in September. She told her guests that though she was raised as a Catholic, nothing has affected her as much as her Kabbala lessons, through which she has been able to take responsibility for

ber life, But at this point, and despite reports to the contrary, Madonna has not signaled any intection to formally coovert to Judaism, according to her publicist and a spokeswoman for the Kabbala

That has not discouraged jouroalist and author Yosef L. Abramowitz, who distributes his popular Jewish Family & Life column through publications and the Internet.

In his latest column, he notes that Madonna has "all the elements of being a good Jew and a great Jewish mother." She keeps kashrut, by virtue of being a vegetarian, gives to charity, rebukes society's shortcomings, and, as a topper, Abramowitz writes, "Jews are commanded to delight in sex and to satisfy our partners. You have rejected Christianity's puritanical linking of sin and sexuality.

"Make it official," urges the writer "Give Lourdes a new heritage that will bring meaning and a spiritual satisfaction for which her mother has always longed." At press ome, there had been no official response from Madonna.

# Laughing at the human condition

Marian, Will Scarlett and all the rest

By HELEN KAYE

recaleitrant hat held up the start of a rehearsal of Goldoni's Venetian farce The Twins, opening at the Beersheba Municipal Additorium on Saturday.

Which is perfectly apt because the play is a riotous comedy of errors that happens when dumh but rich Zanetto (Avi Kushnir) of Bergamo comes to Verona to marry pretty Rosaura (Dana Shreyer). Unfortunately his twin. the sophisticated Tonino (Avi Kushnir again), is also in Verona. He has fled from some unpleasantness in Venice, and after him has come his lady love, Beatrice (Galia Spring). Of course it all comes right in

the end, hut there's a twist in the tale of this comedy that attracted director Micki Gurevitch.

There is something surrealist about this play," he says. "It's as though Tonino and Zanetto are two halves of the same person, and for that whole to mature, something must happen."

Designer Ruth Dar has carried the surrealist concept through in her Magritte-like set of clouds and biue skies surmounted, as though floating, hy the skyline of a medieval Italian eity.

One of the contributions of Carlo Goldooi (1707-1793) to Italian drama was the revitalization of the commedia dell'arte, an art form that hy the 18th century had become sterile and artificial. The characters and plot of The Twins are in the commedia tradition, hut Goldooi infuses



Clockwise from top left: Shira Gefen, Dana Shreyer, Galia Spring and Avi Kushnir bring 'commedia dell'arte' to local stages.

both with the vivid life of his has its own joy and life, and that

Gurevitch is not bothered about a message or relevance because when a poet writes something, then it speaks over the centuries. Jokes come and go, but the human condition remains. Every comedy

of its time. That's what we're trying to create on stage."

The Twins is a joint Beit Lessin/Beersheba Theater production and will play at the Eretz Yisrael Museum in Ramat Aviv from January 19.

ore than 20 of the finest musicians in the world LV Lare due to gather for a 10-day festival of chamber music in Jerusalem next fall. Not that the capital is lacking in festivals or chamber music activities, but this festival will be the first of its kind. Each evening, from September 1 to 10, there will be a mini-marathon of music (three hours with two intermissions) focusing on a particular style of music. Russian evenings, a Freech performance, German and Viennese concerts are some

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

of the programs on the agenda. The roster of musicians will include such esteemed names as pianists Yefim Bronfman and Bruno Canino, eellist Mischa Maisky, oboist Hans Jorg Schellenberger, the Huberman Quartet and others. What's more, these virtuosos will per-

form at the festival for free. How did the initiator, pianist Heleoa Bashkirova, succeed in persuading all these first-rate musicians to appear in Jerusalem - and free of charge? "There was not even a questioo," says Bashkirova. "They all jumped at the idea, and not one of them eveo dreamed of asking to be paid. They all know that Israel is not a country where musicians earn money. They just look forward to having a good time here. Jerusalem is a wonderful city; its beauty is so stunning, it's just breathtaking."

The idea for the festival emerged when the pianist was here last year and discussed several possibilities with some Israeli friends. An avid chamber musician herself, Bashkirova loves the idea and hopes it will

become an annual event. "Some musicians are sorry they won't be able to participate,

but people like Maxim Vengerov. Tabca Zimmermann and Boris Pergameoschikow have promised to come the following The two names one would have thought obvious on the festival

roster are missing. Bashkirova's father, renowned Russian pianist Dmitry Bashkirov, and her husband, Daniel Barenboim, are not participating in her festival. "We have a strict rule that family members doo't play together.

Really I would have loved Daniel to come, hot he will be very husy with the Chicago Symphooy at that time. As for my father, he doesn't play chamber music at all these days, only solo recitals."

Bashkirova's first hushand, violinist Gideon Kremer, is coming. "I owe my love of chamber music to Gideon. He whetted my appetite for this genre when I was interested in other things. We played a lot of chamber music together and oow it is probably what I like best."

The festival will be presented under the administrative patronage of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA. The concerts will take place at the Khan Theater, which was the regular chamber music hall in Jerusalem several decades ago. There are several great halfs in Jerusalem hut there is nothing unique about them they could be anywhere in the world. But the Khan is special. It has so much atmosphere, and there is the patio and the Jerusalem stones. It is rather small, but I think that is perfect for the first year. If the festival is successful, we can look for larg-

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## Debutante climbs 'the Mount Everest of violin music'

By MICHAEL ALZENSTADT

on must have some verve, nerve and a lot of chutzpa to make your recording debut playing Bach's solo violin music. This is something violinists usually reach much later in their career. Bach usually comes after you fathom Beethoven, Mozart and Brahms. To climb this Mount Everest of violin music, you need to have experience.

Yet young American violinist Hilary Hahn's debut disc on Sony (Hilary Hahn plays Bach, SK 62793), featuring the last three Bach solo sonatas and partitas, is a

very mature violinist delving deep into the music and coming out a real winner. The violin doesn't often emerge as the obvious ehoice for a solo recitals. Promoters and concert-goers seem to prefer violin-piano recitals over solo violin ventures. Violinists, too, enjoy having a piano to share the stage with. In fact, there is not that much solo violin music around, although Bach provided six works (three sonatas and three pertitas) which are gigantic, to say

Many young female musicians present themselves on the covers of their discs nowadays. Beauty sells, no doubt. But Hahn does not winner. It showcases a young but try to project sexiness, cuteness or

magazine-type sensadonalism on her covers. Rather, she comes across as a graceful young lady, sensuous and beautiful yet serious

CLASSIC DISCS By Michael Agrenstadt

in her approach. The photos are engaging and eye-catching because they are not what seems to be the trend. They suggest that Hahn is not willing to compromise

anything; that the music, the vio-

lin, are the most important things

for her. And indeed, when you lis-

ten to the music, she communi-

you with the beauty of its tone. Her Bach sings with elan and finesse, her music-making is sincere. Yes, it is obvious that she is oot a violinist with decades of experience to her credit but that doesn't bother the listener at all, for what emerges is fresh, exuberant, vivacious and, at times, very subdued Bach. Joie de vivre is the key here - the joy of playing music, the joy of playing some of the greatest music ever

with a warm sound that embraces

cates that feeling.

written for the violin. Most of the leading violinists of the century have recorded these Bach works, each with his or her

own personal language. Hahn's disc is not going to replace Heifetz, Perlman or Mintz. But it Haho is a graceful violinist is going to be there with them offering a sensuous and graceful reading of the music.

Now all one has to do is await Hahn's next disc and hear her live on the concert stage. This disc whets the appetite. It has put Hahn up there with

some of the finest musicians of our time. Now she has to prove she can stay there, to show that with piano or orchestral accompaniment she can continue to play in her own sincere, seductive way.

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#### Iranian challenge

Tudged by Joseph Stalin's famous measure of charm offensive covering up the same old power hy which he dismissed the pope -How many divisions does he have?" -Iranian President Mohammed Khatami has no power. But Khatami's surprise call for a dialogue with the United States may, intentionally or not, spell the beginning of the end for the lranian regime.

The mullahs who included Khatami on their approved slate in elections in May were shocked when he trounced their preferred candidate by winning 70 percent of the vote. Now that Khatami has said he has "great respect for the American people," that Iran has things to learn from the US, and that he wished to open a "thoughtful dialogue" with the American people, Iran's ruling clerics must be doubly ruing their miscalculation.

The question is whether the mullahs, led by Ayatollah Khameni, will be able to close the wedge opened by Khatami, or whether, like Mikhail Gorbachev's glasnost, the opening of any small crack will bring the whole edifice tumbling down.

The mullahs know they are sitting on a powder keg and that Khatami is very popular. The Iranian people have had it with theocracy and are pining for a reconciliation with the Western world. Some analysts even claim that the US is thore popular among the people of Iran than in any other Moslem nation - largely because the government has transformed the US into forbidden fruit.

The question is how the West, primarily the US, should respond to Khatami's rhetorical overture. US President Bill Clinton has remarked that "I would like nothing better than to have a dialogue with Iran, as long as we can have an honest discussion of the relevant issues.'

As an indication of what those issues would be, he elaborated, "We remain concerned about their sponsorship of terrorism, about violent attacks on the [Middle East] peace process, about the development and acquisition of weapons of mass destruction."

Clinton's statement was simply a restatement of longstanding US policy and, as far as it goes. was the appropriate stance to take. The US has always expressed a strong desire to restore warm relations with Iran the minute that nation ceases to madly arm itself, support terrorism and oppose the peace process. The trickier part aggressive policies.

Even before the Khatami overture, the Clinton administration had not shown much stomach for taking on the European trade-till-you-drop approach toward Iran. The US Congress, tired of the Europeans taking advantage of US economic sanctions against Iran, passed the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act, which requires the US government to impose sanctions on foreign companies that invest over \$20 million in Iran's energy sector.

Along came a consortium of Total (France). Gazprom (Russia), and Petronis (Malaysia) with a \$2 billion deal to develop new Iranian energy resources. Not to put too fine a point on it. French officials not only praised the deal, but mentioned that it would violate the new American sanctions law.

Now the gaontlet has been thrown down, and the Clinton administration has been dithering since September over whether to pick it up and impose sanctions, or find some excuse to waive the punishment despite the law's grievous and intentional violation.

At the same time, the US is still "studying" whether the hip-deep involvement of Russian companies and institutes in Iran's crash missile program constitutes a violation of the Gore-McCain Act (yes, then-senator, now Vice President Al Gore). That law was designed to impose sanctions on entities that violate the Missile Technology Control Regime, a matter which is not in the slightest doubt in this case.

The danger now is that the US will snatch defeat from the jaws of victory by gutting its own sanctions regime. That regime is often portrayed as the equivalent of a styrofoam bat in the arsenal of international diplomacy; but as porous, scattered, and unilateral as American sanctions bave been, the Khatami overture is a sign that they have worked. To let up now would only halt any process of moderation in its tracks. After all, wby should the mullahs give up their war against the West if they can ease their isolation without changing their behavior?

Iran knows full well that if it ceases its aggressive policies the floodgates of Western friendship would open in response. Until those policies change, a dialogue is acceptable because, if anything, it will undermine the regime. It must be made clear, however, that talk will be met with talk and action with action; until Iran is keeping up American efforts to isolate Iran if changes its policies, the sanctions must be

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## Anatomy of paternalism

n retrospect, the Palestinian Arab rebellion against Israel, Lalso known as the intifada, has gained wide respectability within Israel itself. At the tenth anniversary of the intifada, an increasing number of Israelis have developed a certain infatuation with the passions of a Palestinian national movement. Indeed, there is a new Israeli passion to grant a nationstate to its traditional enemy and put aside its traditional hesitancy to grant any such gesture.

However, the new Israeli attitude to Palestinian Arabs conveys a certain presumptuous paternalism. Since the Palestinians long so much for a state of their own, so goes the Israeli paternalistic thinking, and since we in Israel so much want to separate from them, we'll give them a state, not a real state, but rather more like a toy state, a nation without an army, without control over its skies and certainly without any real sovereignty.

Our native paternalism does not stop there, but rather with the illusion that Palestinian Arabs will even think of agreeing to it, and that they will thank us for such a gesture and even yearn to make a peace treaty with us as a result,

As a case in point, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu naively declared that a future Palestinian Arab state could be modeled on a mini-state such as Andorra or Puerto Rico and that would provide an appropriate national model that the Palestinian Arab national movement would be prepared to accept.

When it comes to the concept of this "Palestinian toy state," opinions in Israel do not really vary, from Right to Left. No one even

Tebrew is a tough language

to master; generations of

immigrants to this country

have learned this, usually the hard

way. But it's really tough if you're

dumb, and no one comes dumber

Try writing a review of the Israeli

political situation, in English, on a

supposedly sophisticated word-

processing machine. Unless you

are a walking dictionary, you will

probably want to use the facility

provided by this miracle of modern

technology, known as a spell-check, to ensure that you haven't

made any unnecessary binuders or

mitsakes. However, the damn

machines are now so smart that

they flag down every word they

than a computer.

EMUNAH ELON

on the Left is prepared to accept an independent Palestinian Arab state in the middle of the country, with artillery power and/or control over water resources.

WITH all dne respect, the Palestinians did not conduct an intifada in order to get a kind of semi-state, comprised of two

Does anyone care how Palestinian Arabs interpret the meaning of a **Palestinian state?** 

detached pseudo-autonomous districts in the West Bank and Gaza. Palestinians were not arrested in the thousands and killed in the hundreds in order to earn the right to empty out municipal garbage hy themselves. After all, their leaders led the intifada under the slogan of "With blood and fire we will redeem our rights".

The intifada was a national rebellion, while the Palestine National Liberation movement never reneged on full liberation of all of Palestine as its goal, and it bas never hinted that it would settle for anything than less than a state where the issue of Palestinian Arab sovereignty is recognized with Jerusalem as an integral part of its state.

The Palestinian Arabs most certainly became used to our paternal-

istic attitude towards them, throughout their and our mutual history. Israeli leaders have always believed that they "read" the Palestinians better than they read themselves. Israel's former prime minister Golda Meir used to go out of her way to declare that the Palestinian people simply did not exist. Even worse, a steady stream of leaders over the past few years have tried to minimize the expectations of Palestinian leaders and present them as an infantile people who are ready

to pioneer an infantile state. These days, Israelis seem to compete with one another to declare that a Palestinian state is already an "established fact". On almost every newsreel, more and more Israelis join the chorus, and a recent puhic opinion poll showed that 52% of the Israeli population sample surveyed now believe that the Palestinian state is

now a reality. Palestinian Arab surveys might come out differently. But who here cares what Palestinians are thinking? Does anyone care how Palestinian Arabs interpret the meaning of a Palestinian state? The Palestinian Arab people continued to exist even when we in Israel said they did not and they continued their war of independence even though we declared ourselves to be

the victors of that conflict. Israelis who are embroidering a Palestinian Arab state with their blue and white thread may find that Palestinian Arabs may not be too pleased with what Israelis have in mind for them.

The writer was, until recently, the advisor on women's affairs to the Prime Minister.

## custody BASSEM EID

Death in

1 July 4, 1994, Farid Abu-Jarbua was beaten to death in the interrogation ward of Gaza Central Prison by three officers of the General Intelligence Service, who wanted him to confess to the crime of collaborating with Israel. His senseless death came as a shock to the Palestinian public, and Abu-Jarbua's own family. His father told the press at the time that be "wasn't worried, because Farid was in the hands of our own people and not the Israelis. I never thought they

would be worse than the Jews." Today of course, people know better than to compare the Palestinian human rights situation with that of Israel.

Each death of a prisoner in custody - and at least 17 others have followed in Abu-Jarbua's wake carries with it the pain of a bereaved family. The rest of us no longer have the luxury of shock or surprise.

Death in custody, usually the result of brutal torture, is a phenomenon of the Palestinian detention centers and I don't think it will stop soon. Every time a Palestinian leader, politician, officer or human rights activist tries to reassure the public that the situation is improving, events prove otherwise. These killings are committed by individuals; but as a phenomenon, the issue is one that the Palestinian Authority must answer for, because of its participation in the cover-ups, lies, and

callousness to the families. The public still remembers the horrible photos of Mahmoud Jumayal's body as be lay dying in an Israeli hospital in July 1996. He had been transferred there from Jueid Prison in Nablus, where Naval Police officers interrogated him. Jumayal was popuar with the citizenry of Nablus because he was a leader of the Fatah Hawks during the intifada. Rumor has it that he was original-

If the PA leadership cannot respect our human rights, on what grounds does it command our support?

ly arrested to prevent him from running against an Arafat loyalist in the elections for the Palestinian Legislative Council.

The men who tortured Jumayal are behind bars today, after being sentenced in a trial beld only three days after Jumayal died. During the trial, the presiding judge - presumably appointed directly by Yasser Arafat - asked wby the Naval Police was involved in the questioning of Jumayal, Captain Abdul Hakim Hajjo, later sentenced to 15 years for his part in killing Jumayal, replied that he had no answer. He said that he was only obeying orders, and the judge should ask his superiors. This was not done, and questions surrounding Jumayal's death remain unanswered to this day.

The spokespersons for the PA would prefer it if human rights activists would stick to praising the fact that the Naval Police officers were sentenced to long prison terms. As our latest report, Deaths in Detention: A Pattern of Abuse. Illegality and Impunity shows, however, the PA's failure to confront the questions surrounding Jumayal's death leads to the harsh conclusion that the PA is not serious about solving its human-rights problems. It has avoided answerng questions in every single case of a death in custody.

FOR THE PA to improve its record on human rights, it must start with the immediate payment of adequate compensation to the families of those who died in prison. Abu-Jarbua's father was called to the office of the former attorney general, Khalid Qidra, and told that if he didn't shnt up about his son's death, his daughter would be arrested. She had recently married, and it is likely that an arrest, even on no charges at all, would have resulted in divorce. Sadly, this is not the only case of hlackmail designed to deprive the victim's family of their rights.

promises to investigate cases of death in custody. Palestinians are often reminded

that criticizing the PA on human rights grounds only weakens the bargaining position of the leadership versus Israel. If our leadership cannot respect our human rights, on what grounds does it command our support?

definition, committed by criminals. Palestinian human rights activists will continue their opposition to such criminals, be they Israeli or Palestinian

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### NO RIGHT TO INTRUDE

Sir. - On December 10, there was a letter "Likud USA" from the that Israel is an independent nation "President of Likud, USA, Inc."

I find it absolutely incredible that these people have actually organized themselves into a corporation in order to interfere in the internal partisan politics of a sovereign country. It seems that some American

and that outsiders, who may in general support it, have no right to intrude in its party politics. If they wish to do so, they should live here.

#### SCRAP THE JUBILEE

Sir. - I suggest that Israel's iunilee festivities be scrapped and the money earmarked by the govemment for these celebrations be redirected to provide the necessary medicines for those afflicted with cancer. AIDS and diabetes.

Whilst the funds can't be found to alleviate the dire needs of thou-DECENCY

Sir. - Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu cancelled his subscription to a Hebrew newspaper because, as be stated, it crossed all lines of decency, humanity and morality.

How about his decency, humanity and morality when he kept silent as Yitzhak Rabin was being portrayed as a Nazi general?

Ramat Aviv Gimmel.

MARCEL FREY

sands of Ethiopian immigrants, and there are still hundreds of thousands of children, elderly, and their families, living in Israel below the poverty line. I for one can do without the juhilee festivities.

PAUL KOHN Herzliya Pituah.

#### STRONG MESSAGE

Sir, - How can one argue that the Histadrut strike was bad for the people when in fact it was the people (at the very least a significant part) who were striking.

When several hundred thousand people behave in that manner, there is a message to the state that it disregards at its peril.

OSCAR C. RAUCH

Jerusalem.

Sir. - It was reported in "Indian Jews fight for recognition again" (November 6) that the chief rabbi of Petah Tikva, Shimon Solomon has created problems regarding marriages of Indian Jews in Israel.

BENE ISRAEL

At an emergency meeting on August 17, 1964, the Knesset passed a resolution moved by prime minister Levi Eshkol. affirming that the Bene Israel were Jews in all respects and with the same right as all other Jews. including matters of personal status. The resolution also called on the Chief Rabhinate to remove the causes of any feeling of discrimi-

nation among them.

Two weeks later the Chief Rahbinate finally issued a statement deleting all references to the Bene Israel in the directive which was made applicable to anyone whose family status was

in doubt. Any action taken by the chief rabhinate of Petah Tikva contrary to the instructions would amount to contempt of the Knesset and the Chief Rahhinate of Israel.

EMMANUEL E. MOSES

Karmiel.

#### FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On December 17. 1947, The Palestine Post reported increased attacks on traffic in the Negev where a Jewish and an Arah policemen and two settlers were killed and many others

A number of casualties was also reported in various Arab ambushes on the passing traffic in other

A British police sergeant in plain clothes was killed and his companion wounded in Jerusalem. Later four Jews were shot at and wounded from a passing car, in an apparent act of revenge. The car escaped into the British Zone of the town.

While the British police formally left the Tel Aviv area, passing the security into the British-controlled Jewish police hands. British Army convoys were still passing through the town. The British Army workshops in the Levant Fair area had not been withdrawn so far.

The Palestine Post had published two open letters to the Inspector of Police, written by relatives of the 10 Jews killed and over 20 wounded in a recent Jerusalem-Hebron convoy attack. The letters bitterly complained that the Arab attack was carried out with automatic weapons from behind a cover, while the Jewish Settlement Policemen were in an open tender and armed only with rifles they had no time, nor an an opportunity to defend them-

selves. Aleppo Jews were report-

ed to be fleeing to the Lebanon while Egyptian Jews were blackmailed into large contributions for the "Youth of Palestine."

Numerous supernumerary Arab policemen who deserted their force with arms and ammunition were reported to be joining Arab terrorists in Damascus.

25 years ago: On December 17, 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that Soviet police arrested 57 Jews in raids on their homes, only hours before the opening of the Supreme Soviet. In Jerusalem the Zionist Executive decided to step up the struggle against the academic head-tax imposed by the Soviet Union on emigrants.

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#### **PINCHAS LANDAU**

from "shin" or "chin" (?) to "shine" and "shone," or even "shun," if you don't like it, and "China" if you want to send it really far away. As for the former Socialist bastion, Mapam, the programmers had a breakdown on this one: "Ma'am" is far too royalist, "Madam" is still very aristocratic, and "Mama" is either Freudian or just plain wrong. But the machine knows where it stands on some of the more extreme parties. Hadash is either a "headache," which is nothing to boast abont, hut sounds good compared to "Hades." which is where many people would like to see Hadash's MKs.

always ready to please, or "gush-

don't recognize, and then make Moledet could be "molted," what they term "suggestions," to help you out of what they consider although it hasn't yet, or "molestto be your difficulties. ed" - say no more. But on Rakah, The following is a sample of these the thing fouls up again - "rajah" supposed spelling errors and the is really the wrong address.

For Tsomet it has "no suggessuggestions made to "correct" them, on a small sample of who's who and tions," which is probably just as well, considering it suggests "Titan" for Rafael Estan. what's what in this country. Let's start with the political parties. Ohviously, Labor is OK, But it comes up trumps on Gesher, which could be "geisha" although there is always the US/UK issue of Labor/Labour.

The trouble starts with ... er," a fair reflection of David Likud: The golem immediately Levy's rhetorical strengths. ties itself up in knots. You can have "liked," which is an option, As regards haredim, it's very keen on "hard" and variations thereof - "hardy," "harden," "harder." But at least for some, or "licked," which others may prefer - or "ligthese are not convincing, and uid," which is perhaps the most accurate description of the state of "harem" is clearly wrong. However, the more daring, if far-out, "hairdo"

our ruling party.
Herut, one of Likud's founding Even a simple term, such as entities and its ideological bedrock, can be "heart" - it right-winger or left-winger, throws the machine into paroxysms of always was strong on emotions, or "hereto," "whereto" or even self-doubt. It knows what "left" and "right" are, fortunately, but "whereat," presumably reflecting has no idea about "wingers" (no the party's preoccupation with sporting, or even air-force, background). To be on the safe side, it Shas is open to numerous interoffers "winners" (could be), pretations, or so the program "winders" (very often, particularly thinks tprobably rightly).
Anything from "shag" to "Shah" during the campaign) and "winters" (surely a euphemism for the

has distinct possibilities...

opposite of "winners," loc. cit.).

SO MUCH for parties; what about seems worthy of consideration. Moving onto the left-wing partheir leaders? Here there emerge ties, the machine seems reasonably some clear biases, although who comfortable with Meretz, suggestthese favor is not so clear. For ing only "merits" (very compli-Messrs Netanyabu, Neeman and mentary) and "meters" (less so). Mordechai it has, collectively and But it can't make head or tail of individually, "no suggestions" the parties that combined to create (better safe than sorry?). But Labor The writer is a commentator on Meretz. Shimi could be anything leaders receive no such mercy.

The late Yitzhak Rabin could have been anything from "Rabbi" (don't recall anyone calling him that) to "rabid" (getting warmer) to "rabbit" (dangerous territory now). His partner and rival, Shimon ("Shaman!") Peres receives a veritable gamut of options from "peer" and even "peeress" (as in the House of Lords?) to "peruse," "perhaps," "perks" and "perms" and on to the insalubrious "pees."

Peres's successor is no more welcome in this machine. Ehud ("Thud!") Barak might be, so the golem thinks, "barrack" (he was, but he's finished with the army now) "bark" ("purt" would seem more appropriate) or even "baroque" (so long as it's not Gothic...). Uzi Baram, triggers another peculiar and unfavorable response - barium" (unpleasant) "barroom" (much better, but still not worth boasting about).

The other Labor star fares even worse. The machine can't abide even Haim, offering anything from "ham" to "hail" to "harm" as alternatives, but Ramon is equally unacceptable: "Radon" is one helpful suggestion, "rayon" is a more comfortable alternative, whilst "raccoon" is perhaps just playful. Just to balance the score some-

what, the machine displays extreme ambivalence about Meridor. It could be "merrier," and probably was once, or "mired," which was also true at one point, or "madder," which no doubt also had its day. The suggestion of "murder" suggests that this program has problems of its own, and needs treatment.

Chemical alternatives are a

favorite of this word processor, by

the way. It sees Gush Emunim as "ammonium" and if you think that's accurate, then you just have to take your hat off to the suggestion of "calcium" for Cellcom. Make that calcified and its spot-on. Speaking of which, what about Kupat Holim Clalit? No problems here. "Kaput" is not merely a suggestion but a stark reality, since "Homily" is about all you'll get in the way of treatment, and while "claret" and "chalet" seem sadly misplaced, "callout," "callow" and "callus" are all definitely in the right direction.

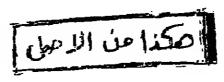
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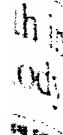
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## Jerusalem of old



By Judy Siegel Itzkovich

DavkaGraphics Photo Collection: Jerusalem, a collection of 110 photos of Israel's capital, in English, for the whole family, marketed in Israel by Alan Rosenbaum (02) 999-2936) or at Kol Ze'ev stores. Web site at http://www.davka.com, NIS 104 Rating: four stars out of five

lerusalem! To see you as Seventies: innocent, optimistic, tolerant, without the heaps of uncollected garbage, deadening series of terror attacks, littered streets, tension between religious and secular, intifada, traffic jams, beggars and pollution to which Jerusalemites have become accustomed - even resigned - to in the

New immigrant photographer Nachum Duchin has managed to capture in photographs taken recently this more pleasant face of Jerusalem that we miss; he did so by focusing his camera on smiling people, scenic views (many of them without people at all) and a surprisingly large num-ber of suret and acade signs. The graves of Yitzhak Rabin and Golda Meir and the Yad Vashern memorial to Oskar Schindler (the German non-Jew who saved Jews during the Holocaust) are included, along with photos of the Western Wall, the King David Hotel, the Knesset, the Yemin Moshe windmill, the Ben-Yehuda Mall and the Jewish Quarter. Of the 110 photos, there are nearly half a dozen of Jerusalemites using cellular phonesi

These are not the dramatic photos that have been produced by Israel Prize winner David Rubinger, for example, but routine shots that any Jerusalemite would recognize immediately. The down side of Jerusalem is ignored here. but this is not surprising, as the aim is to use these photos for desktop publishing efforts, Web page authoring, catalogs, synagogue bulletins and pupils book reports. All the photos may be reproduced without paying a fee to the photographer, one need only give copyright credit to the Davka Corporation. The only other requirement is that the images may not be used for "pornographic, defamatory, libelous or otherwise unlawful nse."

The Chicago-based software corporation Davka hired a Jerusalem company named Sweetchild Software to make the photographs usable for these purposes. Its "Scene It" program includes an antopiay feature that presents a slide show of the pho-105 at random. In addition, any picture can be flipped upside down or made into a mirror image. One can also easily adjust the color intensity and brightness, invert the colors like a photo-

graphic negative and give the photo an embossed effect. When producing a multimedia program, the photo editor can also use a variety of effects when going from image to image, including fill in, fill out, spiral in, spiral out

The photos, sorted according to categories, can be printed out on the spot, installed onto your hard drive or used with Print Shop Deluxe-Windows and Macintosh

Payuta Ve'El Hakerah (Payuta and the Ice God), o CD-ROM by Ubi Soft, translated and distributed by Bug Multisystem in Hebrew, English and French, for children aged four to nine, NIS

Rating: three-and-a-half stars out of five

Payuta, a small but brave Inuit (Eskimo) boy living in the frozen north, is the bero of this storybook on a disk. The story, which takes some 40 minutes to listen to and watch through 11 separate screens, tells how a tyrant named Kiagnyk kidnaps Payuta's older sister Opiak to make her cook for him.
Accompanied by pleasant music
and excellent animation, the story isn't much different from Sleeping Beauty, Hansel and Gretel or Dorothy dealing with the Wicked Witch of the West in The Wizard of

Payuta faces Kiagnyk in his iceberg cavern; and is commanded to bring the ice star to him from the top of the Mountain of Clouds. The boy is told that only by facing the dangers en route to the mountain and bringing back the ice star can he earn his sister's release. The omnipresent tyrant, who can see Payuta wherever he is, places a variety of obstacles in the boy's way, but with the help of friendly animals - an eagle, a narwhal and a seal - he manages to reach the mountain and pluck the ice star. This act causes the appearance of

spring on the mountain. Returning to the iceberg, Payuta presents Kiagnyk with his prized trophy, but the tyrant refuses to turn over his sister. The ice star, which Kiagnyk swallows, turns the surroundings into a green garden, fulfilling the Inuit legend that "a child whose heart is pure will bring back the spring." Ever since that time, we are told, the northern land has a short spring and a longer winter instead of just a single, bone-chilling season.

The story is accompanied by four different games - all pleasant but routine. One must identify eight northern animals by their description; reorganize a jigsaw puzzle; maneuver a seal so he can catch falling fish; and remember objects that have disappeared. These can be played at three levels of difficulty.

As with all other computerized books, once a child goes through the story a few times, he is likely to be bored; the games are not exciting enough to hold the interest of most kids. Despite the fine animation and pleasant presentation, a parent would probably be wiser to buy three or four children's books for the same price as the disk.



The cost of business travel: Aaron Weil missed his daughter's first steps. His wife Sharon left her job because of the travel demands.

# Leaving on a jet plane

orking motherhood has a new twist. As if the long hours and psychological demands of climbing the corporate ladder weren't enough, an even bigger challenge looms over many two-career couples. And it's in the shape of an airplane.

As Israeli companies increasingly integrate into the international scene, a meaningful white-collar career in business, particularly in the burgeoning high-tech sector, means travel. Many women with children who might otherwise have figured out how to square the diffi-cult circle of their daily routine, say that the demands of travel became the straw that broke the camel's back. It is the factor that caused them, if not to drop out of the workplace completely, to take a sharp detour onto a path that will allow them, at least temporarily, to freeze their frequent-flyer memberships.

Deborah Shaked had thought that

she was planning a career that could accommodate motherhood. Shaked is a business development consultant specializing in high-tech medical products and other products. Her forte is Japan and the rest of the Far East. She lived in Japan and acquired her MBA there, and knows the language, culture, and business environment well. Until a year-and-a-half ago she was retained by Japanese, Israeli, and American companies to handle product development. She would find a product in a particular country, do the market research on various potential export targets and establish a contractual relationship with the distributors in these countries. Shaked was so deeply invested in her career, she jokes that she was working until the moment she went into labor in August 1996. She gave birth to a baby girl, Sarene. "I had thought that establishing this consulting business before having children would be a wise move. I'd be independent, make my own hours, answer only to myself. I was sure I'd go back to what I had been doing after my child became one year old," she said.

But what she didn't take into account was the travel. "When you have a baby or a toddler, you just don't want to board a plane without them. And my skills are all associated with Asia. So you're not talking about two- or three-day hops to Europe, we are talking about trips that are for at least a week at a time. l just couldn't see myself doing it."

With more jobs demanding travel abroad, working mothers are forgoing the climb up the corporate ladder, or at least suspending their frequent-flyer memberships, Allison Kaplan Sommer reports

After weighing her options, Shaked decided not to return to consulting, even part-time, choosing instead to teach Japanese pri-vately in her Tel Aviv home, primarily to business people. "I figure the continuing contact will help me to keep up business relationships so that when my daughter is older, I can consider traveling more. My dream is to take groups of Israeli business people to Japan to guide them through the beginnings of their business ventures, as something of an extension of the language classes. I have friends and family there, so if I go for an extended period, perhaps I could take my daughter with me."

Shaked insists that she made her decision wholeheartedly, and has no regrets about taking time out from the business world. "I don't feel frustrated, first, because I'm lucky enough to be in a financial position where it is not too painful, and because I so much love being with my daughter most of the day. In a way, I appreciate that her birth gave me the imagination and creativity to do something different."

Sharon Weil, who gave birth to a baby in the same month as Shaked, went back to her job organizing trade shows when her daughter Noa. was four months old. "Before the baby, I traveled for long periods, a minimum of a week, mostly to Europe, but also to the US." Soon after she went back to work, she had to go to Paris for 48 hours on business. "I can't say it really took me by surprise, but I found I couldn't handle it. I decided after two months back at work, to leave my job and stay home with the baby. Travel was really my biggest consideration in making that decision." Today, Noa is a year and a half, and Weil is pregnant with her second child, and working part-time from home in a completely different field.

Two of Shaked and Weil's counterparts, women with young children who have chosen to stay on track in their demanding jobs at major companies, were unwilling to be identified for this article. Having received special considerations from their employers not to have to travel so much, they fear being identified by their colleagues.

"Travel is a really sensitive issue, probably the most sensitive for me right now," said one woman. "I really like my job, and I don't want to put it at risk." The women say that they must maintain a delicate balance at work, trying to avoid travel for work whenever possible, without appearing to let down their coworkers or their bosses.

The need to keep up their "superwoman" image stops them from seeking support at the office. "What I don't understand is how all the other women manage, but I won't let it get out that I have a hard time," admitted one of the pair.

Both women said that dealing with travel when their children were young was terribly painful, but an integral part of their jobs. Working in their fields but refusing to travel is not an option. Some areas are more challeng-

ing than others. Debby Koren, who directs internet services at RAD Data Communications, purposely avoided marketing or sales

when her children were younger because of the travel demands, despite the potential for advancement. Today, a divorced mother of two teenage girls, Koren finds it important, at least occasionally, to travel in order to further her professional development.

"Obviously, the kids don't like it and you wonder what's going on in your absence," said Koren. "I

> "You have to play by the same rules as men or women without families and you just have to find a way to get the work done"

keep in touch by e-mail and I really splurge on the phone bill. And, since we're religious, I do everything I can to avoid being away over Shabbat,"

When she worked in the US for

Bell Laboratories, she found the type of travel that was required was less demanding. "In the US many of the trips can be taken within the same day or overnight - even New York to Chicago or the West Coast is doable with night flights. But being in Israel makes it harder." But for those women who are

willing to make the sacrifices and go the distance, the rewards can be significant. Sue Wasserman, 47, was named managing director of 3M Israel, after a successful career based in Minneapolis working for the parent company.

She credits her ability to stick with her career, despite the heavy travel demands while her children were growing up, to her husband, attorney Mark Wasserman.

As a 3M manager, she has consistently spent anywhere from a quarter to half of her time on the road. "It's always been difficult for me, no matter what age the children are. It doesn't matter if you are going away for three days or two weeks you feel like you are missing something important in their lives."

Even though her husband was on the scene while she was gone, she worked hard to plan her family's life in her absence. "I would always think ahead, how many meals needed to be in the freezer.

whether there was a supply of diapers." But, she says, the practical hardships were more easily solved than the emotional ones. Her children, a danghter aged 17 and 15-year-old boy and girl twins did not always make it easier. "As the children get older they can really make you feel guilty. It's a difficult test to put it out of your mind and tell yourself that this is what you have to do and know that your children will benefit from it.

From Wasserman's perspective, the corporate world went through something of a conversion about a decade ago, attempting to give working women extra attention and support, and make allowances for domestic responsibilities. But that, she believes, has lessened.

"Today, I would say it is much like it was when I was coming up. You have to play by the same rules as men or women without families and you just have to find a way to get the work done." Despite bow hard it was to miss days and weeks with her children, if she had to do it over again, Wasserman says, "I wouldn't do it any other way. When I come back from the trips, I appreciated my home and family even more. True, the children can make it really difficult, but you just have to remind them that even thnugh it isn't easy for them, they are gaining more independence, and point out how they are doing just fine even when you are away. And bow does one know when

things aren't fine? When travel hasbecome excessive? "The kids themselves are the best gauge," says Wasserman, speaking from experience. "Believe me, if you are gone too much, they'll let you know."

## Dealing with absence

there is plenty that traveling parents can do to try to ease the pain of going abroad, aside from mornising to return home loaded with gifts. In Herzliya Pimah and Ra'anana, where Chemick practices, there are families in which fathers are overseas nearly every week, returning to Israel on

weekends, and where many mothers travel as well. "If the parent who is traveling wants to be kept current on what is going on in his child's life, there is really no reason these days why he can't," he says. We live in an electronic world and the possibilities of maintaining contact are plentiful: E-mail, faxes, and one can always pick up the telephone. For some people who travel it is 'out of sight, out of mind.' They don't make the effort to call, for example, in the marning when their child wakes up."

The more preparation taken before the parent leaves on a trip, particularly a long trip, he says, the easier it is for children to handle. "Many parents, especially mothers, go to a great deal of effort to prepare. I've seen mothers make a calendar for their child, where the dates when they will be away are clearly marked. They are strict about calling at a set time every day. In this way, the mother creates a stability that she would be providing if she were physically present."

In other families, however, "there are parents who travel, who simply disappear and don't see to the child's emotional needs. This often evolves into demonstrations of apathy on the child's part. where they act as if they don't care that their parent is leaving. But of course, they really care deeply." Dr. Chernick notes that the person whose life is most affected by business travel is the parent who stays behind. It is a major burden to take on the role of the sole custodial parent," he says.

Sharon Weil gave up a job which demanded travel on her part when her daughter was born. But now she has to cope when her husband. Aaron, managing director of the PR and marketing firm Coast to Coast Communications has to attend conferences overseas.

"It seems to me that a lot of men who travel are completely oblivious to what their wives have to

sychologist Robert Chemick, who special-izes in children and adolescents, says that office is near my home now, so I'm more aware of office is near my home now, so I'm more aware of how hard it is for Sharon to get through the day and how difficult it must be without me, the other member of the team."

Weil says that he tries to minimize travel as much as he can, in order not to miss his daughter's development. "On a recent 10-day trip to Boston for a client, my daughter's vocabulary changed significantly. When I came back she was more conversant, more responsive than before. I missed the new words and those are moments that are lost forever. There was another trip when Noa took her first steps and that was very very difficult for me. I went out and bought a video camera so at least I. could see it on tape."

Sharon's survival strategy when she is alone is to organize. "You have to think two steps ahead and make sure everything is planned and ready. You plan your whole day out the night before, lay out . your clothes and the child's clothes. You don't: worry about the accumulating mess during the day, you deal with it after the baby is in bed. That's also when you finally get time to take a shower."

A sense of humor is also key for the grounded parent, points out Mark Wasserman, the husband of 3M executive Sue Wasserman. "I'll never forget." one winter when Sue was in Japan for three weeks. and we had three children in diapers at home in Minnesota. In the middle of Sue's trip, I went skaring and broke my arm. So there I was, working and taking care of three small children alone with an arm in a cast. At the time, we lived in a house with a detached garage and so I had to go shovel myself out using one hand. Housework was also a challenge. I remember having the kids hold the dishes up while I washed them with my good arm."

Wasserman says that maintaining a positive antinude under such stress is possible if all the ingredients are in place. "The first thing is you have to really love and support your spouse and their career, and you have to like your kids - not just .. love them, like being with them. The extra time with them should be a pleasure, not a burden. And it helps a lot, if the kids, like mine, are cooperative by nature." - Allison Kaplan Sommer

Keep things private



By Ruth Mason

ur four-year-old daughter touches her private parts at what we feel are inappropriate times and places, such as in the living room when we have guests. We don't want to cause any complexes, but we feel emberrassed by her actions. Why does she do this? How can we

deal with it? child and adult therapist at the

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Jerusalem and chief psychologist at Beit Hoyeled, replies:

Although it's perfectly natural to masturbate at this or any age, it certainly makes all present nucomfortable. First, I would directly address the masturbation. acknowledging its existence. In a private talk with your daughter, you could say something like, "Oh, yeah, you're masturbating. That feels really good. There are parts of the body that feel especially good when touched." Then you can emphasize that while masturbation is pleasurable and not shameful, it's an activity that's done between you and yourself.

Just as eating is confined to the table, masturbation is a private activity that should be confined to one's bedroom.

masturhation Sometimes soothes children when they are Marcie Levine Shbiro, M.A., over stimulated. Does your daughter need more quiet time in gener-

Counseling Center for Women in al? Perhaps gentle bolding and being read to or sung to?

Sometimes masturbation serves the function of raising a child's interest level when she is bored. In this case, you might think about what activities she may need to be involved in or what materials she may need to have available so that she is more interested in ber environment and doesn't need to selfstimulate.

Sometimes children stimulate themselves because of a rash or infection; you might want to consult your doctor to check this

A word of caution: In rare cases, compulsive masturbation raises the index of suspicion about a child's being inappropriately touched. This doesn't mean that if your child is masturbating. you need to panic. It only means that in very extreme cases, it would be worthwhile consulting a



By Batsheva Mink and David Brauner

# Tons of onions and lots of shallots

Today we get down to the nitty-gritty of vegetable gardening. As we mentioned last week, even a small 3 m. x 3 m. patch is enough space to supply an average family with a surprising quantity of basic vegetables.

Winter vegetables are quite easy to grow. They generally take care of themselves, though occasional weeding is in order to keep things tidy.

Few gardeners are hiessed with perfect soil. The challenge is how to improve the ground without spending a fortune.

You can start your soil-enrichment program by making a compost heap. All kinds of decayed vegetable matter may be used. Outer leaves of cabbage and lettuce, grass cuttings, fruit and vegetable peelings, etc. all make fine compost.

Avoid woody materials, animal matter (e.g., fish bones, etc.) and cooked foods, as these attract rodents and insects. Also, do not use anything that was sprayed with a herbicide (weed killer) or insecticide.

Turn over your compost with a shovel from time to time to speed up the rotting process. Letting compost dry out slows things down, so keep it wet for the decaying process to do its work. While you wait for your compost heap to fully "ripen," you may have to buy some compost from a garden center.

Turn over the soil of your plot thoroughly, digging in your compost as you go. The deeper you dig, the better your vegetables will grow. Then level the surface off nicely with a rake.

Now that we've entered the wet season, the watering requirements for the winter vegetables we describe below are minimal. You may need to top them up with an occasional burst of water during a dry spell between rains. And, of course, you must always water any vegetables (or flowers, for that matter) when you sow or plant, to start them off.

Gardening is like an iceberg – most of it is below the surface. In other words, people are not aware of most of the hard work, and what they see on top – the results – is only the smallest part.

ONIONS (Allium cepa; Family

Alliaceae; Heb. barzal)

True onions are biennials, producing a bulb at the end of their first year, which is when we harvest them. However, the habit of biennialism is easily disturbed. In adverse weather conditions, there is a tendency to send up a seedhead (flower) prematurely, thus spoiling the plant as a vegetable.

Onions are highly responsive to the length of the day. While days are short in winter, they produce leaves and roots. But as soon as the daylight hours number 15, the onion concentrates on hulb formation.

Onions need deep, cool soil; moist, but not too wet. Also, the soil should not be too light (sandy) or too heavy (clay-like). The ground should be rich with plenty of compost, as onions are "greedy eaters."

Avoid using excessive nitrogen, as it will encourage the plants to continue to send out leaf growth when they should be turning to bulh (onion) formation. This in turn may cause them to run to seed, known as "bolting," or to become "thick necked" – that is, mostly sprout and little hulh,

An open, completely sunny

An open, completely sunny position – no shade, if possible – is most suitable. If you are short of space in full sun, you can try growing onions under a tree that loses its leaves in the winter. By the time the leaves reappear in spring, the crop should be ready to harvest.

Sow onion seeds in drills - small furrows - spaced about 15 cm. apart. Thin out the young plants as they grow, and use the thinnings for spring onions.

If you are fortunate to find onion "sets" – that is, dwarf onion hulbs raised for the purpose of growing onions quickly – all the better. Spacing them about 18 cm. apart, press these into the surface of the rows spaced about 30 cm. apart.

Leave your onions in the ground until their tops turn yellow and die. This process can be speeded up hy bending the tops over at the neck. Pull np the onions and allow them to dry on the ground. Only when the roots and leaves have completely dried and shriveled can they be put into storage.

LETTUCE (Lactuca sativa; Heh. hassa) Lettuce is an annual salad vegetable, rich in vitamins, which can be grown all year round. Sow the seeds directly into the ground in drills about one cm. deep and cover lightly. Sowings should be staggered about every two weeks to maintain a constant supply.

If the ground is not ready when you want to plant, lettuce seeds can be sown in pots and transplanted later on. Transplanting is possible when lettuces reach 5-10 cm. high. Plant between 30 and 40 cm. apart each way.

When your lettuces start growing, thin them out. Crowding stunts their growth, encourages pests and may also make them "bolt." With lettuce, bolting, or going to seed, means that the plant sends up a long shoot with flowers, which eventually produce seeds. Bolting also results in bitter, inedible leaves.

Lettuces should be grown as quickly as possible. In hot weather they must be well watered. Lack of water is another cause of bolting.

Cut lettuces as soon as they reaches maturity. It is best to cut them early in the morning when the dew is on the leaves.

Gardeners living in areas where frost and icy wintry winds are prevalent must give their lettuce some protection. Erecting clear plastic "tunnels" over the drills is an excellent solution.

CARROTS (Daucus carota; Heb. gezer) Edible carrots are descended

Edihle carrots are descended from the wild carrot (Umbelliferae), a poisonous member of the parsley family. Though in fact a biennial, the carrot plant is treated as an annual, grown for its sweet-tasting taproot.

Carrots vary considerably in length and habit of growth, depending on their variety. Quick-growing "young carrot" varieties are more snitable for home gardeners because these need less care and water than the larger, long-rooted kinds. Also, young carrots are far superior in taste to large carrots; however, the younger kinds do not store as well as the long-rooted varieties.

All carrots grow best in lightish (sandy), stone-free, free-draining soil which has been composted from a previous crop. In other words, carrots do not like to come into contact with fresh compost but rather with compost that was added to the soil for earlier crop; for example, runner beans. Very rich soil encourages carrots to "fork," thus making many small taproots per plant instead of one. A complete fertilizer high in potash worked into the soil about 2 cm. deep is recommended.

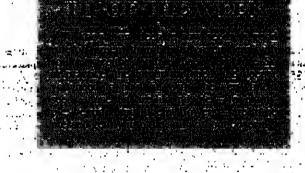
For regular supplies of tasty young carrots, sow the seeds at two-week intervals from early September to early April. Sow in drills 2 cm. deep and fill in with a mixture of soil and peat moss, making sure the bed is level. Run the rows about 15 cm. apart and thin out the seedlings until they are about 12 cm. apart.

SHALLOTS (Allium ascalonicum; Heb. betzaltzul)
As the Latin name suggests, this small edible bulb, prized by chefs the world over, is a native of the

the world over, is a native of the Ashkelon region. In fact, the English words "shallot" and "scallion" are derived from Old French corruptions of the name Ashkelon. We have seen shallots for sale in some garden centers, as well as in a few larger supermarkets. They

some garden centers, as well as in some garden centers, as well as in a few larger supermarkets. They are just starting to make their appearance here. It is possible to get 10-20 shallots from a single plant, depending on how it is grown.

Instead of producing a single bulb, the shallot brings out clus-



ters of bulbs somewhat similar to garlic. Shallots can be grown from seed, but planting the "bulblets" is more common. Plant them 9 cm. apart, with 15 cm. between rows. The conditions needed for growing shallots are similar to those of true onions.

Shallots produce more leaf than

onions do, and their bushy top growth makes weeding between the plants and rows more difficult. Harvest in the same way as we. describe for onions, then separate the clusters to ensure complete drying. Once they are dry, store shallots in the same way as onions. Remember to save a few bulbs for next year's planting.

Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3943, Jerusalem 91039, or David Braunes, e-mail: morrir@ashur.cc.bin.ac.il



# Noise can be an animal's pet peeve

ompared to our pets we humans are, if not hearing impaired, at least practically tone deaf. Dogs and cats hear much more than we do and with greater acuity. They hear a range of sounds that are inaudible to us, and they have a greater ability to separate out a particular sound from a multitude of noises.

What's more, sounds mean different things to different species. The reaction of a dog or a cat may be far different from our own, and a dog's reaction may differ greatly from that of a cat when both bear the same sound.

We cannot know for certain just what an animal hears or how it interprets the sound, but from behavioral patterns we can see that they respond in different ways.

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A reader recently reported that his cat always leaps onto the rim of the bathtuh whenever he begins to run the water. The cat becomes agitated and emits a series of yowls as long as the water is swirling down the drain. It stops the minnte the sound of the escaping water disappears. The reader says these yowls are specific to this situation and do not resemble any other sound the animal makes.

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The same is true of many dogs that become agitated by what we

consider music. They will howl at certain notes and run away when others are played. This varies in different dogs but is shared by many. I once had a dog that got completely hysterical whenever I played the harmonica. While most people found the music pleasant, the dog would begin to bark in great agitation and even try to grab the harmonica with its mouth, i have no idea what these strange wails of mine represented to the dog, but they definitely disturbed him.

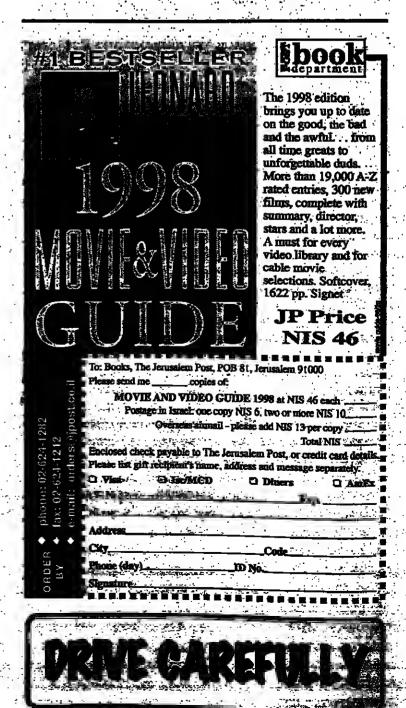
It also appears that cats' powers of vocalization are far greater than one would imagine. A blind musician once claimed that he could identify more than 100 different sounds his cat made. At one time this may have seemed far fetched to most people, but modern voice-print techniques have proven that the range of sounds a cat can produce is far greater than was formerly thought.

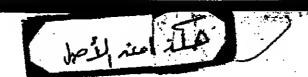
All of this must mean that dogs and cats, forced to live in the modern world, must feel they are surrounded by an almost unbearable din. Some animal behaviorists have even suggested that the so-called neurotic behavior of some house pets is actually a reaction to noise stress.



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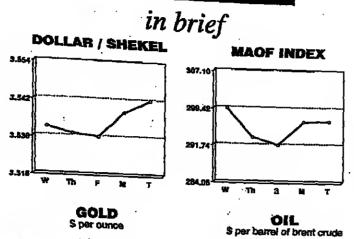


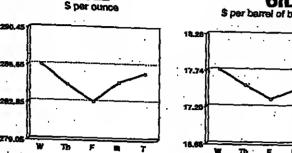




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#### Nortel buys 20% in ArelNet for \$5m.

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Nortel Communication Holdings, a subsidiary of Northern Telecom, acquired a 20 percent stake in Israel's ArelNet, a Yavnebased developer of networking systems, through a private placement of \$5 million; an ArelNet spokesperson said yesterday. One year after the completion of the deal, Nortel will have a two-year option to acquire Elron Electronic Industries' stake in Archet, which will total 16% after the transaction, as well as the option to increase its total holding to 51% via the acquisition of additional shares from parent company Arel. According to the agreement, Nortel also will serve as the exclusive distributor for some of ArelNet's products including i-Fax, a computer-based fax solution. Earlier this year Northern Telecom bought 20% of Telrad Telecommunication and Electronic Industries for \$45m.

#### US rejects El Al-American Airlines agreement

The US Department of Transport has rejected El Al's application to enter a code-sharing agreement with American Airlines, El Al announced yesterday. The company described the US decision as "arbitrary," especially in view of the fact that it had approved a similar agreement between American Airlines and Saudia, the Saudia Arabian national airlines.

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# PM creates emergency panel to tackle unemployment

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday announced the appointment of a committee to explore ways of reducing unem-

ployment.
"We're not prepared to accept this blow as a strike from heaven that we can't fight," said

Netanyahu's move came a day after the Employment Service released figures showing unemployment had grown in November by 1.2 percent, to 151,600.

The Central Bureau of Statistics said third quarter unemployment averaged a seasonally adjusted 8.1%, the highest rate in more than three years.

The number of unemployed in September was 179,000, up from 143,000 the previous year.

The committee, chaired by Moshe Leon, the new director-general of the prime minister's office. will also include directors-general from economic ministries, such as Shmuel Slavin from the Treasury. It is expected to propose a plan within 30 days for unemployment blackspot, Ofakim, which figures show to suffer the nation's largest unemployment rate of 14.3%.

Committee members plan to visit the Negev development town on Monday, and make some onrecommendations. the-spot Netanyahu said.

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel have called unemployment Israel's

major economic worry, and have predicted that the jobless figure would continue to climb in 1998. Experts have projected that unemployment would continue to

grow in Israel until the leading industries make a transition to more profitable high-tech produc-Growth this year has been "dis-

appointing" as has the rise in unemployment, the International Monetary Fund said in an interim report on the Israeli economy last

from examples of other nations that whenever excess demand exists it is very difficult to put the economy back on a sustainable track without "some transitional pain."

A Treasury report published in July predicted unemployment would total 7.7% by the end of the year and 7.9% by December 1998.

The Treasury previously said that it could not give a precise forecast for 2000, but estimated that the figure would be between 6.8% and 11.4%.

Infrastructure Ministry:

#### ILA must raise landsale quota

By DAVID HARRIS

The Israel Lands Administration must market land for 60,000 apartments in each of the next two. years, according to a National Infrastructure Ministry master plan published this week.

There will be a slight shortfall in 1997 on the target of 50,000. In light of this year's figures, the ministry has decided to increase sales to ensure there is no shortage of housing over the next two years.

"Meeting this target is a central plank in the effort to achieve stability in the housing market," reads the report.

The housing details are covered in one chapter of the 1998 ministry working plan, which also outlines projects in the fields of energy, water and transportation.

The ministry also intends plowing ahead with implementation of the Ronen Committee recommendations. The report calls for: The dispersion of the popula.

tion away from the central areas; The transfer of the freehold from the ILA or Jewish National Fund to householders - initially this is likely to affect some 700,000 apartments;

· Preventing foreigners (other an those entitled to settle here under the Law of Return) from buying land;

 Easing planning procedure restrictions for residents, making it far easier to build on one's own property;

 Granting permission for agri-cultural estate holders in residential areas to register their land as individuals rather than as part of larger representative bodies, and that they be permitted to divide their estates and sell residential plots.

Among the planned roads programs are advanced work on Route 4 between Beit Lid and Hadera and Route 444 from Rosh Ha'ayin to Taiba and a new road between Nahshon junction and Latrun.

The winner of the tender for the Trans-Israel Highway will be announced in January, with the preferred candidate being made public at the end of this month.

On the railways, the ministry will publish a BOT (build, operate, and transfer) tender for one line and work will be completed on the Tel Aviv-Lod line. The report indicates a budgetary requirement of NIS 470.9 million, but that the Treasury has offered only NIS 195m.

Prequalification for the natural gas project tender, meanwhile, has been put back by four weeks after a series of difficulties experienced within the ministry in preparing for publication and the subsequent bids. Interested companies will now receive an oral briefing on January 14, and not December 18 as originally published.

## Almost 3,000 job cuts at Nabisco

NEW YORK - RJR Nabisco its earnings outlook. Holdings Corp. said yesterday it will restructure its tobacco operations and cut almost 3,000 jobs. resulting in a fourth-quarter charge of about \$310 million, or 95 cents a share, in order to enhance competition and improve



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The reorganization will include the elimination of 2,600 jobs from its international operations, R.J. Revnolds International, and includes cutting 190 full-time and 200 seasonal jobs from its domestic R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. operations, the company said.

The restructuring is expected to generate \$170nl a year in pretax savings beginning in 2000, though it will reduce the company's pretax income by about \$390m., the company said.

Goldman, Sachs & Co. analyst Marc Cohen said he wasn't expecting a move this fast from the New York-based company, adding that some action had been expected because of the move toward tobacco legislation. Cohen also said he expects every company in the industry to examine its

The comprehensive legislation could cut demand substantially over a five- and 10-year time frame in the US," Cohen said, "US

cigarene manufacturers are going to have to examine their operations to make sure they are as efficient as possible and sized to [supply) a smaller market than there's been in the past."

Internationally, the reorganization also includes changes in distribution and the disposal of nonstrategic assets, the company said Domestically, RJR also said it will close a leaf processing facility.

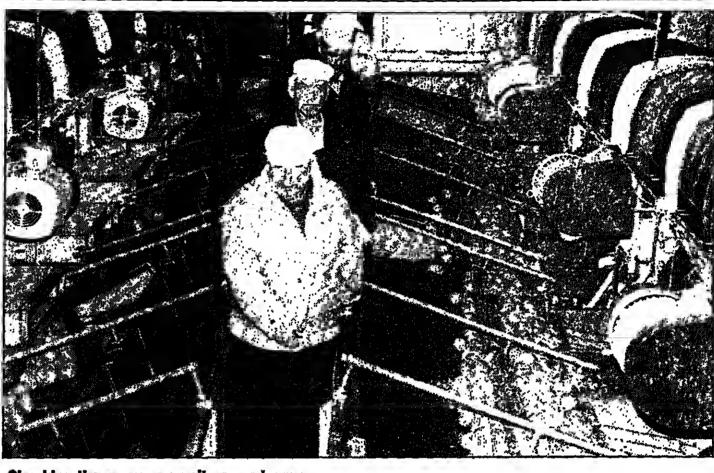
Shares of the consumer products company fell 3/16 to 36 3/8 on

Monday.

In 1996 Nabisco cut about 6,000 jobs and took a charge of \$428m. That year investors Carl Icahn and

Bennet LeBow launched a proxy fight to win control of RJR Nabisco saying they would spin off the food makers. The attempt failed, but Icahn persisted in call, ing for a spinoff. The Oreo cookie celebrated its

85th birthday in 1997, and Nabisco agreed to buy snack-food maker Commuts for an undisclosed sum. (Bloomberg)



#### Checking the squeeze on citrus producers

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan (front) visits the Prigat plant in Kibbutz Givat Haim yesterday, where he heard leaders of the Association of Kibbutz Industries complain that the price citrus growers are getting for fruit is so low, many are not bothering to pick it. Eitan promised to further investigate problems facing the citrus sector.

## Ace: Non-Jewish labor complies with Shabbat law

In an effort to bypass the Work and Rest Law, the Ace Buy and Build do-it-yourself hardware chain has instituted a policy of biring non-Jews to work on Shabbat, CEO Ofer Carmel said yesterday.

On Monday, the Labor Court imposed an unprecedented NIS 120,000 fine on the company for using Jewish labor to operate on

"We found a way to obey the law and still operate three of our stores on Shabbat; we hire Druse and Arabs and non-Jewish Russians to work and offer minimal, buy-it-yourself service," said Carmel.

The fine reflects the new owners' accountability for past transgressions as well as the Labor Ministry's stepped up efforts to enforce compliance with the Shabbat Law. The new Shabbat policy has been in effect for a year, in acknowledgement of the company's effort, the judge imposed less than the maximum penalty, Carmel said.

Under the law, the company could have been fined NIS 9,500 for each employee, which would have resulted in a NIS 400,000

This is a relief for us," be said. One year ago, Buy and Build's

new owners, Clal and Super-Sol, began implementing the Shabbat policy, to obey the law while maintaining Shabbat hours at the Gan Shmuel, Shefayim and Bilu stores, Carmel said. Eight other

The fine is the latest in a number of rulings that support Shabbat observance in the business sector.

In October, an arbitrator determined that movie theaters and a restaurant in the Africa Israel's Ramat Aviv shopping mail are to remain closed on Shabbat. The arbitrator, retired Supreme

Court justice Dov Levin, determined that despite the fact that the contract between the two sides allows Israel Theaters to open their cinema on Shabbat, this flies in the face of Tel Aviv municipal by-laws. The decision also prevents

northern Tel Aviv mall on Shabbat. According to the contract between McDonald's and Africa Israel, the opening of its fast food restaurant is contingent upon the opening of the cinemas. While the Shabbat movie bylaw is not enforced in Tel Aviv, the law is still on the books, the

that the municipality adapt the

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McDonald's from opening their non-kosher restaurant in the judge pointed out. He suggested

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## Yishai's strict enforcement

Buy and Build for opening stores inconvenience for the business on Saturdays. The fine was relatively high - NIS 120,000 compared to those issued for similar violations in the past. For years, the policy of and bring in non-lews to work

Labor and Social Affairs ministers was to ignore violations of the Work and Rest Law, which

given off on their day of rest Saturday for Jews, Sunday for Christians and Friday for Now the ministry is under

the aegis of Shas, and Minister Eli Yishai has declared he plans to enforce the law vigorously. This means that unless a permit is obtained for employing Jews on Saturday, businesses that do so will be subject to prosecution. Businesses wishing to open on

Shabbat may do so by employing Druse, Moslem or Christian

BACKGROUND By SHIMOR SHITREET

enforcement plans. Shabbat sboppers will says that workers must be still be able to throng to the

sbopping centers - at least those in locales that don't have by-laws which forbid the opening of businesses on Shabbat. no matter who is working Most cities have such by-

laws, though in some, establishments like cinemas and restaurants are exempt. But most regional councils do not have these regulations. The Ace case related to stores located in just such suburban areas.

The writer is a professor of law as the Hebrew University.

#### STATE OF ISRAEL THE NATURAL GAS PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The Government of Israel previously announced and invitation (IPQ NG102/97) for experienced international gas companies or consortia of companies, to prequalify for participation in a Tender to be published at a later date for the selection of a company, or a consortium of companies, to (i) design, finance, build, operate and maintain the natural gas transmission and distribution systems of Israel; and (ii) purchase natural gas for, and sell it to, customers in Israel other than the Israel Electric Corporation.

The date of the mandatory oral briefing to take place in Tel Aviv, Israel to those parties which will purchase the PQ documents, has been changed to January 14, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

Copies of the original announcement will be provided on request to The Natural Gas Project Management, the Jewish Agency building, 17 Kaplan St., (third floor, room 308) Tel Aviv 64734, tel: 972-3-6914281



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# Playing it cool

Topsy-turvy markets can result in good bargains

By NEEL COHEN

fter recovering strongly fol-lowing the Hong Kong shock, the markets are m some turmoil again. Things in the Far East are worse than most had thought and, more seriously, they are spilling over to companies and economies in the West.

While there was a general uncertainty about the fallout from Hong Kong in the West, and economic commentators talked vaguely about the possibility at some point of the Far East buying fewer Western goods and services, no one expected to see anything terribly tangible any time soon.

Yet within a matter of weeks Oracle, one of the world's leading and most highly regarded software companies with strong representation worldwide, was reporting disappointing results and citing an almost complete halt in orders from the Far East as the reason.

The consequences were swift and merciless. Investors, who were sitting on good gains, were hardly going to let their portfolios slip in value so close to the end of the year (when all kinds of money managers have their performance measured and their bonuses determined). rushed to dump technology stocks. Anything with significant perceived exposure to the Far East - computer and semiconductor related

stocks, in many cases - were dealt

with especially brutally.

Orbotech, which makes inspection equipment for the semiconductor industry, lost 13% of its value Thursday. The DSP Group has more than halved in value over the last few weeks. Few, though, can match Electronics for Imaging, which plummeted 24.125 to 14.875 on Friday. The company said it expects fourthquarter earnings of just 6 cents per share, excluding acquisition charges, far off the 49 cents Wall Street was expecting from the

printing-system designer. Investment firms have responded in kind, Lehman Brothers lowered its rating for EFI to "neutral" from "buy." Prudential Securities lowered its rating to "hold" from "buy" before reversing its decision due to the extent of the stock's decline.

The company, which had so far delivered only positive surprises to investors, finally disappointed and was instantly stripped of the premium rating which it had previously been accorded.

My sense is that there is a lack of discrimination among investors and a degree of overreaction. The stocks of some very good companies have been hit very hard to an extent unjustified even by a deteriterm business prospects. There is no way that on Friday EFI was suddenly worth 35% PERSONAL FINANCE do with the by short-term debt. In addition, the of what it was

worth Thursday. I'm not saying, "pile in, there are bargains to be had" because sentiment and stock prices may yet

deteriorate further, and there has been a real deterioration in business prospects. However, I think there are plenty of stocks whose purchase at current prices will generate good returns for patient investors. The TASE has actually been hit

less hard than foreign exchanges. There's less technology around (almost all the technology stocks are traded in New York), the market was closed for a good while during the strike, and the perception of how much the Far Eastern drama is going to affect us has been more limited and taken longer to filter through.
So I think that unless US stocks

recover pretty smartly, we are going to see more pain in the local market, at least in the short term, even as the New York-traded Israeli technology stocks may be presenting some bargains at current prices. Another anomaly this past week

has been the lack of impact from Europe's banking mega-merger on the local financial services sector. Granted Bank Leumi shares were pretty active, but this had nothing to

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merger. As I have pointed before, Israel is overbanked and due for a healthy dose of rational-

ization. We have already seen at United Mizrahi Bank what determined management can begin to achieve (cut costs, improve profits), and it must surely only be a matter of time before the new owners at Hapcalim start to demand the same.

When Leumi and Discount are finally sold into private ownership, they too will fall into line. If the market continues to weaken, I will be looking to pick up some bank shares, probably in Hapoalim. We already have a bolding in Discount, which has the least efficient cost structure and hence the preatest room for improvement Hapoalim seems to be the next in line for the treatment.

While I still believe the shekel is due to weaken significantly before we're too much older, we are almost certainly not at risk of the kind of shock that South Korea suffered. To put that into its perspective, the South Korea meltdown was a liquidity crisis. The country suffers from an acute shortage of long-term capital, and far too many things were financed

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my meant that capital flows (foreign investors putting money into and taking them out of the coun-

try) were very active. At the first signs of trouble, money rapidly flowed out, exacerbating the liquidity shortage, the won weakened, increasing external debt in won terms, thereby putting pressure on the country currency reserves and setting a vicious cycle in motion. Fortunately, Israel has plenty of equity capital and is not particularly dependent on short-term debt.

I think that Wall Street may well recover towards the end of December or in early January as a result of the January effect, whereby many investors sell stocks in December to establish tax losses before the year end only to reinvest subsequently, causing stocks to rise. In the past this reentry into the market took place in January, but after the January effect was identified, many investors figured the way to profit was to get in ahead of the January effect, thus

bringing it forward to December. I'm going to stay on the sidelines for another couple of weeks. I think there will be some slightly better bargains in that time and would rather see things settle down a little before picking up cheap stock.

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## Japan okays \$76.9 billion financial plan

By KYOKO KIMURA

ruling Japan's Democratic Party approved plans to raise up to \$76.9 billion to support the financial industry and cut taxes to sour growth.

The measures are part of the party's efforts to revive an economy that saw the failures of two banks and two brokerages last month. Party officials said they would release a broader plan, the third in three months, as early as tomorrow. Stocks fell after the release of each of the earlier plans.

"The first two stimulus packages haven't undone the damage. It's difficult to be optimistic about the third," said Paul Migliorato, senior manager at Jardine Fleming Securities Ltd.'s institutional sales

Still, shares of banks rose after the party yesterday released details of its plan aimed at the ailing financial industry.

The party proposed using the \$76.b. to guarantee bank deposits. The funds could also be used to hery bank shares.

Under the financial industry proposal, the government would authorize the sale of up to \$76.9b. of bonds to shore up the capital of the Deposit Insurance Corp.

The corporation set up by the government and Japanese banks, guarantee deposits at member insti-

Support for the plan rose follow-ing the recent failures of Hokkaido Takushoku Bank Lad., a nationwide lender, Yamaichi Securities Co., Japan's fourth largest brokerage; Tokuyo City Bank Ltd., and Sanyo Securities Co...

Japan's banks are saddled with at least \$214b. in irrecoverable loans left over from the assetinflated bubble of the late 1980's. The government will introduce stiffer rules for assessing debt next April, and that may inflate the amount of bad debt on bank's balance sheets.

Japanese banks and brokerages have seen borrowing costs rise following the November failures.

The market's welcoming the LDP's financial stabilization measures, and bank shares were bought on that," said Takeshi, CMA fund manager at Taiyo Investment Trust Management Co.

The LDF also proposed tax cuts worth \$6.56, on corporate income, real estate and securities transac-

The party proposed a 3 percentage-point cut in the national corporate tax rate from 37.5% and a 1 percentage-point cut in local corporate taxes from 6-12%. mies will be cut to 25%.

(Bloomberg Business News)

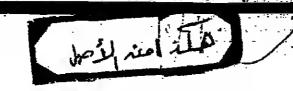
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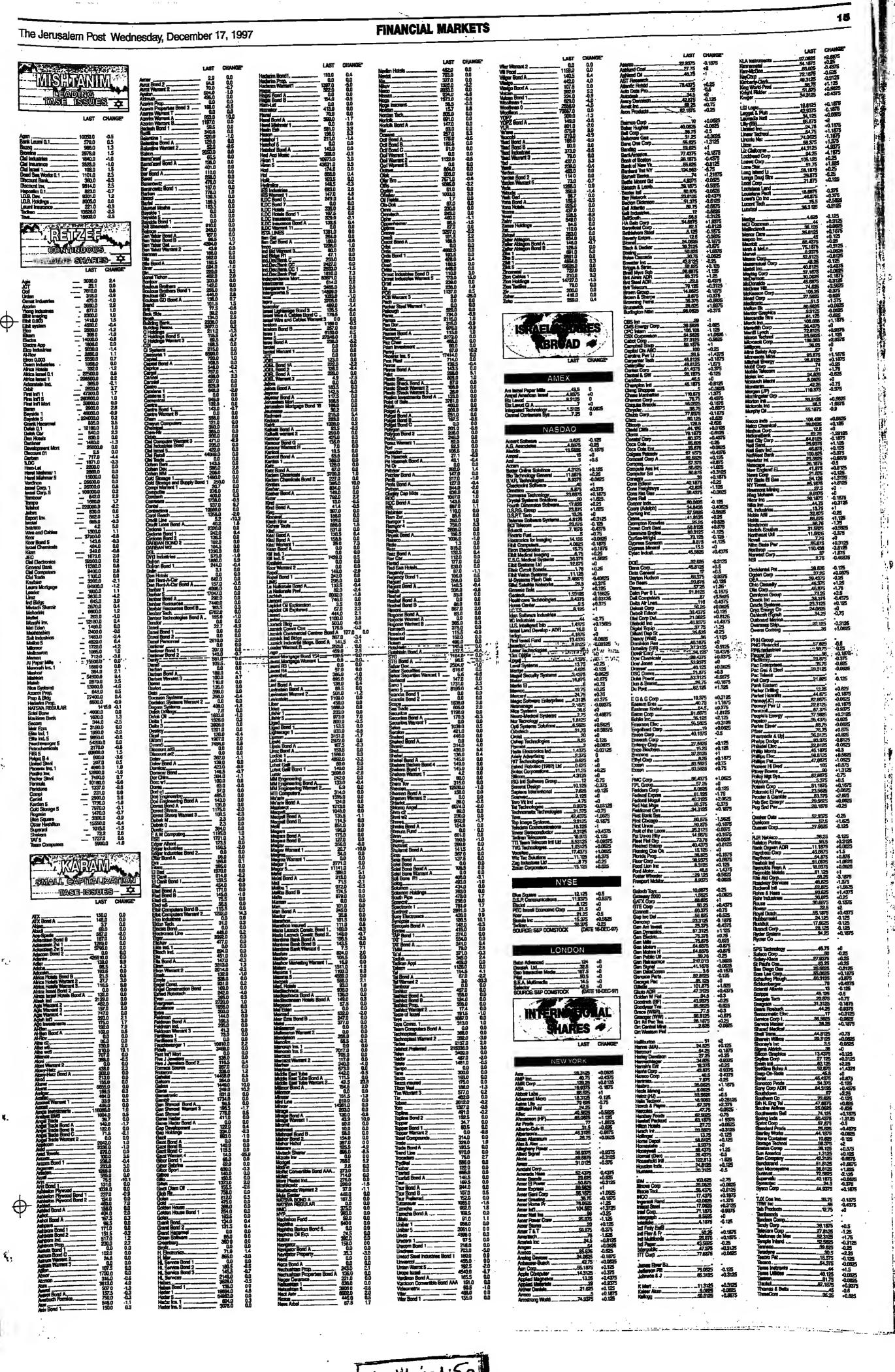
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Allidim Flexible Altrayut Flexible Analyst Deversified Apex Flexible	502.25	206.46 493.56	- 2.24 - 1.95	+ 21.45	9.3
Apex Flexible	153.58	716.52 153.01 93.36	- 0.62 - 0.49	+ 30.73 + 38.43 +6.99	72.2 12.9 0.3
Anximedes	1937.82	1904.10 24.82	-210 -0.43 +0.24	+27.68	5.2 0.0
Bazak Flexible Bloch Rotstein Flexible Clali Flexible Dida Mamon	211.17	207.04 1139.85	- 0.48 - 1.08	+ 52.03	27.5 5.8
Unda Merray	1/823	260.37 177.59	- 0.98 - 0.61	+ 23.65 + 25.23 + 42.46	29.2 12.1
Davia Moked	160.01	3316.41 176.36	+ 0.01	+24.00	80.7 51.6
Emda Idit. Epsion Flexible Evergreen Flexible Excellence Flexible	155.27	3925.87 154.75	- 0.44 - 0.55	• 28.94 • 27.74	35.5 10.0
Excellence Flexible	29-43.10	120.03 2904,83	- 1.21 - 1.79	+ 29.87 + 21.59	11.6 8.2
lgud Bends	160.37	104,28 159,35 129,56	- 0.35 - 0.16	+ 33.53	56.0 21,4
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Ranot Tidhar	3220.96	3212.76 118.90	- 0.75 - 3.34	+ 26.06	30.6 81.6 7.9
Lahak Duhlat	745.75	732,44 1586.89	- 1.70 - 0.42	+ 24.25 + 25.48	76.0
Maxim Flexible	139.45	136.93 91.07	- 4.16 - 2.56	+ 25.48 + 35.79 + 36.52	6.5 9.6 6.5
Meilav Flexible	158.04	156.37 109.13	- 1.42 - 0.12	+ 29.72	6.5 3.7 13.4
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Netz	128.85	2545.63 128.48 852.23	- 0.77 - 6.55 - 0.56	+ 23.05 - 15.79 + 23.91	13.3 0.6
Omer Peken Otzar Flexible Pfa Hayovel	206.52	202.82 97.05	+ 0.27	+ 21.65	48.5 27.2 6.1
Pla Hayovel	204.06 895.96	202.44 891.50	-2.34 - 0.41	+ 19.52 + 24.60	29.1 339.9
Pia Kela Psagot 100 Psagot Gamish Ramco Gresible Saar Flexible Saar Pekan	336.06 567.38	333.39	-3.36 -2.75	+ 39.06	93.7 157.2
Ramco Flexible	169.11	557.33 167.32 219.13	- 0.47 - 1.22	+.43.12	6.9 2.2
Saar Pekan	189,82	189.20 98.26	- 0.86 - 1.14 - 1.27	+ 24.59 + 25.85	205.2
Telescope	124.99	256.90 124.68	- 201	+ 45.26 + 14.89	68.6 4.4
Yazd Flexible	3105.61	99.19 3050.68 65.80	- 1.70 - 1.33 - 2.59	+ 15.07	3.0 47.6
Zion Flexible	. 14037.00	13959.83	- 0.81	+ 18.85 + 16.39	3.2 2.7
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Ahrayut Real Eslate	228.15	154.30 223.62	+ 2.83 - 2.08	+ 18.03 + 15.94	2.3 11.9
Ahrayut Shares Anatyst Aggressive Anatyst Equity Anatyst Industries	151,13	324.28 147.65	- 1.97 - 0.40	+ 26.50 + 38.36	4.6 59.6
Analyst Industries	362.15	1138.98 353.90	- 0.59 - 0.46	+ 34.66 + 37.31	141.B 57.5
Apex Shares	—	99.10	- 0.75	+ 42.53	10.6 38.7
Baron	90.31	212.91 89.19	- 1.46 - 1.04	+ 24.10	8.4 3.7
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	83.57	- 1.35	+ 35.48	13.9
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## TASE mixed on Asian concern

#### Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks were little changed as investors expressed concern about Asia's economy and joblessness at home. The surprisingly low inflation report raised further concern about a slowing local

economy.

The Maof Index of 25 stocks rose 0.06 percent to 296.72. The Mishtanim Index of 100 stocks eased 0.01%, to 284.09. The Tel-Aviv Continuous Trading Index rose 0.07% to 95.35.

Falling stocks included Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.. down 2.5%, and supermarket operator Supersol Ltd., down 1.46%. Makhieshim Chemical Works Ltd., a maker of crop-prorection chemicals, fell 0.83%, while Nice Systems Ltd., a producer of digital voice and data recording and archiving equipment, dropped 4.55%.

Among issues moving up were Bank Leumi, the most-active issue, with trading of NIS 23.4 million of shares. Israel's No. 2 bank rose 0.5%. Bezeq Ltd. rose 1.25% after two analysts reiterated "buy" recommendations.

"My first thought after" stocks rose in New York "and the index." was that the market would go

through the roof -- 1.5%, 2%," said Moshe Jonas, who runs the ferusalem office of the investment firm Moritz & Tuchler. "On second thought," Jonas said, investors are concerned that the Israeli recession "will get out of hand," and "world markets are very volatile: No one knows

where [Asian markets] are going." Idan Azoulay, portfolio manager at the Impact Securities subsidiary of Union Bank of Israel, also expected a much more builish market." At the same time, he said, "after the chaos" in Asia, "we have to take a much longer view."

#### Europe

UK stocks rose amid optimism the global economy isn't overheating and policy makers won't raise interest rates anytime soon. A report that US inflation rose less than expected also boosted British shares.

What seems to be driving markets is good news on interest rates," said Joe Hall, the director of European equities at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell in London. People are saying that there's not going to be an inflation problem because of Asia.' SmithKline Beecham Plc, the

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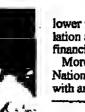
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**STOCKS** 

drug company, and Ahbey National Pic Britain's secondlargest mortgage lender, led the benchmark FTSE 100 Index of top British stocks 81.6 points higher, or 1.59%, to 5203.3. The FTSE 100 rose 1.5% yesterday.
SmithKline was named on

Deutsche Morgan Grenfell's European focus list of major recommendations, while Lehman Brothers analysts also recommended the drug industry. SmithKline gained 23 pence. Abbey National Pic and National Westminster Bank Plc gained 90p to 1.147 and 46p to 1.045, respectively, boosted by the prospect of



lower interest rates and by speculation about more takeovers in the financial-services industry. More than 5 million Abbey

National shares traded, compared with an average of about 3 million.

#### Asia

Japanese stocks rose, led by banks and brokerages, amid optimism a ruling Liberal Democratic Party bailout package will pump trillions of yen into the country's ailing financial companies.

Japanese banks and brokerages bave seen borrowing costs rise after a wave of bankruptcies last month raised concern about more failures. The LDP is moving to allay those concerns with the expected announcement that it will spend 10 trillion yen (\$76.9 billion) in public funds to help these companies write off bad loans.

The market's increasingly expectant of effective stabilization plans." said Takeshi Yamaguchi, CMA fund manager at Taiyo Investment Trust and Management Co. in Tokyo. "The market's welcoming the LDP's financial stabilization measures, and bank shares were bought on that."

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average rose 75.82 yea, or 0.5%, to 15,985.21. Nomura Securities Co., Sanwa Bank Ltd. and Sumitomo Bank Ltd. led the advance. The Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange climbed

3.33, or 0.3%, to 1199.42, Gains by Kao Corp., Sumitomo Metal Mining Co. and Tokyo Electron Ltd. also helped pult up the broader index.

Companies seen benefiting from the LDP's proposed bailout package rose. Nomnra Securities rose 40 yen to 1,700; Sumitomo Bank climbed 40 yen to 1,540; Sanwa Bank gained 60 yen to 1,480. LDP politicians propose to sell 10 tril-lion yen worth of government bonds, paid for by the sale of govemment-held shares in Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. and other companies. (Bloomberg)

#### Wall Street

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Stocks flew higher for the second straight sessinn yesterday as investors loaded up on some of the recently battered technology shares.

Based on early, unofficial results, the Dow Iones industrial average ended up 53.72 points at 7.976.31 after jumping 84 points

# Mark declines on signs of German weakness

The dollar rose against the mark as German wholesale prices fell more than expected. Wholesale prices fell 0.7 percent last month. compared with expectations for a

This reinforced expectations interest rates won't rise anytime soon. Higher rates would boost the mark by increasing the return investors get for deposits in the Gennan currency. "German rates will be on hold

for some time," said Peter von Maydell, a currency economist at UBS Ltd. This will keep the deutsche mark weak and is likely to keep dollar-mark from turning down

anytime soon," The dollar rose to 1.7816 marks vesterday, from 1.7767 late Monday in London. It was at 131.05 late Monday.

The mark also was undermined after Finance Minister Theo Waigel said the currency was fairly valued against the dollar, suggesting German officials don't want the mark to strengthen against the dollar.

Further undermining the German currency was Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer's suggestion that under a single currency European interest rates should be closer to lower German rates than higher rates elsewhere,

Single currency, scheduled to begin in January 1999, will hind the continent under one monetary

Doubts a plan to stabilize Japun's financial system and a separate stimulus package will do enough to lift the economy out of 131.10 yen, little changed from recession kept the yen near the 5



Dollar 3.542 ▲ 0.11% Basket 3.7921 ▲ 0.02% Mark 1.988 ▼ 0.18%

Sterling 5.7768 **▼** 0.27%

1/2-year low of 131.58 per dollar it set Monday.

Japan's leading Liberal

Democratic Party yesterday pro-posed 950 hillion yen (\$7.3b.) in corporate tax cuts and said it will release the rest of the details of its stimulus package today. While the moves are a step in the right direction, they may not go far enough, analysts said. The yen continues to remain weak against the dollar," said Tim

Standard Chartered. "Unfortunately, cuts to the consumer tax hurden are not yet apparent, suggesting that the

Fox. a treasury economist at

weakest link of the economy, consumer demand, remains adrift." Japan's LDP approved a plan on Monday to sell as much as 10 tri-

lion yen in government bonds to help stabilize the financial system. Money raised hy the bond sale will go to replenish the capital of Deposit Insurance Corp., an institution set up hy Japanese banks and thrifts to guarantee deposits when a member fails. Some of the money also will be used to purchase preferred shares banks that agree to take over

failed lenders. Funds at Deposit Insurance Corp. have been wiped out hy the failure of a number of major lenders over recent years. Last month, four financial institutions went bust, including Yamaichi Securities Co., Japan's fourth-

largest brokerage. The yen was bolstered by a rebound in the South Korean won against the dollar after the government lifted a 10% trading band Monday and allowed the won to trade freely.

The won, which had plunged by 40% against the dollar in the past three weeks, rose 10% to 1398.5 per dollar. A stronger won eases pressure on Japanese exporters to lower prices of their goods, many of which compete with Korean and subordinated bonds issued by products. (Bloomberg)

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#### Precious metals

Platinum slumped as Russian supplies increase at a time of growing concern about the Asian financial crisis' impact on demand for the precious metal. After suspending shipments of platinum for the first six-and-a-half months of the year. Russia - which is the second-largest producer of platinum - has been gradually increasing its shipments. Platinum for immediate delivery in London dropped \$9 to \$343.50 an ounce.

Gold prices were steady in interbank trading. Bullion has dropped as much as 23 percent since the start of the year to \$281.35 an

ounce December 9, its lowest level since July 3, 1979, amid concern demand for gold won't match new supply from producers and central banks.

Spot gold fell 45 cents to \$283 an ounce.

#### Oil

Brent crude oil futures fell, even after the United Nations chief weapons inspector left Iraq without reaching an accord to access presidential palaces. While brokers said this should have pushed prices higher on concerns tension between Iraq and the UN would rise again.

# COMMODITIES

Gold \$285.35 A 1.5% Crude Oil \$17.17 ▼ 0.09%

CRB 234.92 ▼ 0.49%

traders' perceptions that oil markets will be over supplied next year is keeping prices low.

January Brent futures, which expired yesterday, declined 10 cents to \$17.16 a barrel.

#### **Others**

Coffee rose amid concern frost in Mexico over the weekend damaged crops for harvest next year. Frost and snow in Mexico over the weekend could damage the 1998-99 crop, which will be harvested in October next year, and delay shipments of beans from this year's harvest, analysts said.

Supplies of the higher-grade arabica coffee beans grown in Mexico are already lean after rain disrupted the harvest in October and November.

Coffee for March delivery rose \$20 to \$1,832 a metric ton on the London International Financial

Futures and Options Exchange. Zinc slipped. Zinc stockpiles monitored by the London Metal Exchange increased 350 to 490,550 a. metric ton, the exchange said in its daily report. Three-month zinc \$3 to \$1,121 a. ton on the LME.

Copper prices were little changed. While slower economic growth and sagging currencies in Japan, Sonth Korea and southeast Asia have reduced global metals consumption in recent months, demand for metal products remains strong in North

Copper for delivery in three months rose \$2 to \$1,764 a ton on the LME: (Bloomberg)

## US bonds little changed as inflation tames

#### ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (7.11.97) Currency (deposit for:) U.S. dollar (\$250,000) 3 MONTHS a MONTHS 12 MONTHS 5.000 5.000 Pound sterling (£100,000) 6.000 German mark (OM 200,000) 2.375 Swiss franc (SF 200,000)

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Swiss franc	2.447S	2.4870	2.40	2.53	2.4631
Swedish krona	0.4520	0.4593	0.44	0.47	0 4554
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Danish krone	0.5183	0.5267	0.so	0.54	0.5218
Finnish mark	0.6545	0.6651	0.64	0.68	0.6586
Canadian dollar	2.4700	2.5099	2.42	2.55	2.4894
Australian dollar	2.2762	2.3130	2.23	2.35	2.3004
S. African rand	0.7188	0.7304	0.65	0.74	0.7249
Belgian franc (10)	0.9571	0.9726	0.94	0.99	0.9531
Austrian schilling (10)	2.8078	2.8531	2.75	2.90	2.8251
Italian lira (1000)	2.0145	2.0470	1.97	2.08	2.0280
Jordanian dinar	4.9328	5.0124	4.87	5.20	
Egyptian pound	1.0000	1.0800	1.00	108	4.3765
ECU	3.8949	3.9578			1.0526
Irish punt	5.0936	5.1758	5.00	5.25	3.9229
Spanish peseta (100)	2.3326	2.3703	2.29	2.41	5.1302 2.3391

\*These rates vary according to bank. \*\*Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Asia may be abating, which could dampen demaod for Treasuries as US bonds were linle changed after a government report on cona reluge. South Korea's stock sumer prices showed inflation remains subdued, suggesting the market and currency rallied, sug-Federal Reserve will hold bank gesting investor confidence may lending rates steady at a policy be reviving. meeting.

"We're seeing contirmation that the inflation picture is benign," said David Resler, an economist Nomura Securities International Inc. The Federal Reserve's man-

date is to keep inflation from becoming a problem - judging from this evidence, they're succceding. Tame inflation is good for

bonds because inflation erodes

the value of their fixed payments.

Even so, bonds got only a brief

boost from the report because of

concern the financial troubles in

The benchmark 30-year US Treasury bond fell 1/32, or 31 cents per \$1,000 bond, to 102 2/32, leaving its yield at 5.97 percent. The yield on the two-year note rose 3 basis points to 5.68%.

Bonds initially gained as much as 3/8 after the government said consumer prices rose 0.1% last month. Consumer prices rose at a .8% annual rate through the first 11 months of year, the slowest pace in a decade.

Yields have dropped 45 basis points since late October as turmoil in Asia prompted investors to buy US government debt as a BONDS

US 30 -year T-bill yield 5.97 no change

refuge and increased expectations of a US slowdown. If financial turmoil in Asia subsides, reducing the need for safe- haven buying, bonds may decline, some traders said.

Just yesterday, South Korean financial markets gained as the country dismantled more of its managed economy, ending limits on foreign exchaoge trading, easing restrictions on interest rate movements and agreeing to let weak banks be sold. In Japan, meantime, the govern-ing Liberal Democratic Party

approved a plan to raise 10 million yen (\$76.9 billion) to support the ailing financial industry. "As things stabilize over there as they seemed to have temporarily in Korea and Japan - the market

will start to take some of that flight-to-quality premium out" of. US bonds, said Rob McCool, a trader at First Chicago Capital Other traders said bonds have

already come so far so fast that more gains are unlikely without clear evidence the economy is losing steam.

"I don't expect much of a rally no matter what happens", said

Vincent Verterano, trader at Nomura Securities International Inc. "Prices already justify n low CPI."

Investors got more evidence the housing market isn't slowing much yesterday when the government, in a separate report, said that new housing starts rose 0.8% to a 1.531 million rate in November.

Analysts were lonking for a rate . - of 1.5 million. Because of the lack . of inflation, and the economic tarmoil in Asia, traders and economists at Wall Street's biggest bond firms didn't expect the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates before its meeting yesterday.

The Fed last raised rates March 25, when it boosted its target rate. on overnight loans between banks to 5.5%. (Bloomberg)

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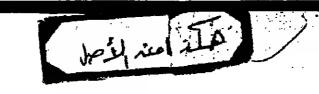
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Hollioake set to lead England

in Caribbean one-davers

SHARJAH (Renters) - Adam Hollionic, who has led England's cnicketers to the final of the Champions Jirophy, as expected to be manied as captain for the one-day series in West Indies next year, sommes close to the camp said yesterday.

England coach David Lloyd has said that the "part of the camp playing here" will make up the one-day side in the Campbean when five one-day marches will be played in March and april following the Test series. There will be an announcement sponer rather than lates, probably next weeks. They said.

The position of captain for the one-day games was left accent when the squad for West Indies was manied in September.

Mike Atherion, who is not in Sharjah, will captain the Test team.

team.

It was intended that Champions Cop would be a trial for Hollioake and he has passed with flying colors as Highard have won all three of their matches on the way to chambing a place is

the final.

What has impressed me has been the spirit shown by the side, said Lloyd. They like being in one another's company and that's a great start. Hollienke has been the right man for the nobleme. Lloyd singled out Matthew Fleining, the 33 year till job here. Lloyd singled out Matthew Fleining, the 33 year till job here. Lloyd singled out Matthew Fleining, the 33 year till job here. Lloyd singled out Matthew Fleining, the 33 year till job here. Lloyd singled out Matthew Fleining, the 33 year till job here. The has been a factor as far as I was continued to selection.

cerned, said the coach. He has been on the fringe of selection

ever since I took charge 18 months ago and he bowls every ball

as if his life depends on the outcome

SHARJAH (Reuters) - West balls with five fours and a six. Indies won a place in Friday's final of the Champions Tropby against England when they beat India by 41 runs in the final qualifying match yesterday.

India paid the price for their two earlier defeats which left them to score 230 off 45 overs to qualify on net run rate.

"The pressure got to us," their captain Sachin Tendulkar admitted after he had been howled off the ground when he was run out.

"I don't hlame the fans," he said. "After all we lost three matches here and they have their feelings," India lost their last nine wickets for 92 in 14 overs after opener Saurav Ganguly had scored 70 off 94

Strangely, for a team that has huilt its reputation on pace over the last 20 years, the West Indies stars were three spin-

Carl Hooper took four for 37 with his off-spin, part-time leg spinner Shivnarine Chanderpaul collected three tail-end wickets and Rawl Lewis had the wicket of Navjot Sidhu as well as a hand in the run-outs of Tendulkar and Mohammad Azharuddin.

Stuart Williams, who scored 77 in the defeat of Pakistan and 22 as the West Indies lost to England, hit his first one-day international century with an unbeaten 105 off 149 balls with 10 fours to form the basis of the

West Indies score. He rarely took chances but his solid defence should have allowed the stroke makers to flourish.

Instead the Indian attack, boosted by the introduction of paceman Venkatesh Prasad, kept a tight rein on all the bats-Off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan had the important wicket of

Brian Lara in the over after be

had threatened maybem with 14 runs off the bowling of Anil Lara greeted leg-spinner Kumble by hitting two fours and a six off his first over. But in the following over he was caught by Kumble off Chauhan

#### Warne upset over weight question

MELBOURNE (Reuters) -Australia leg-spinner Shane Warne, showing signs of sensitivity about his weight, stormed out during e publicity appearance yesterday after being asked about his growing

Warne was ettending the unveiling of a waxwork of himself in Melbourne when a question about the model's noticeably slimmer appearance visibly upset him.
Warne snapped: That's why I

don't answer any questions from you blokes." As he walked from the stage, ending a very brief and abruptly curtailed appearance, According to recent local newspaper reports, Australia coach Geoff Marsh has become concerned about Warne's weight, asking the bowler to monitor his diet.

Sydney's Sunday Telegraph said Warne was more than six kilograms above his ideal match weight.

## Bet. Jerusalem, Mac. TA reach Toto Cup final

The Toto Cup final next week will sport two of the most important club names in local soccer, following yesterday's semi-final victories for Betar Jerusalem and Maccabi Tel

Tel Aviv beat Hapoel Kfar Sava 2-0 in the early game, and Betar over-came Hapoel Beit She'an 3-1 in extra time in the late fixture of the doubleheader held et the National Stadium in Ramat Gan.

Had the weather been warmer, the 3,000-odd spectators for the first game might have felt able to fall asleep, as league cellar-dwellers Maccabi Tel Aviv and mid-table Hapoel Kfar Sava gave them little reasons to concentrate on the action. But 20 minutes from the end, the game came to life as Maccabi went ahead when Avi Nimni latched onto a cross from the right from Ofer Levy to bury the ball from close

Seven minutes later, the result was settled when Sergei Gerasimov, a CSKA Moscow player on trial with Maccabi, beat Kfar Sava 'keeper Eran Seinzinger. Betar recovered from a 1-0 deficit

to beat Beit She'an in extra time and won 3-1. The Beit She'anis were giveo some hope when their Georgian midfielder, Panchulidze, put them ahead with 25 minutes gone, but the Jerusalemites hit back through Nir Sivilia, who leveled on the stroke of halftime after being set up by Istvan

Only in extra time did the crowd, which by now had swelled to 6,000, begin to see Betar pull ahead. Shai Holtzman proved his value with a goal in the 104th minute, and Pishont himself sealed the scoreline in the dying seconds of the match.

Betar Jerusalem and Maccabi Tel Aviv will contest the final at the National Stadium next Tuesday

#### **Brazil eliminate Mexico** from Confederations' Cup ball in his own penalty area and

RIYADH (Reuters) - Brazil ended Mexico's slim hopes of a Confederations' Cup semifical place with a 3-2 win yesterday.

The result left Brazil finish top of group A with Australia second, despite losing I-0 earlier to Saudi Arabia. The two go through to Friday's semifinals. Mexico needed a draw to qualify

and played a defensive game for the first 40 minutes when Pavel Pardo brought down Falvio Conceicao and Romario converted the resultant penalty. A more attacking approach

enabled Luis Hernandez to set up an equaliser after 52 minutes, Cuauhtemoc Blanco tapped bome, But Brazil regained the advantage when Mexican defeoder Fracisco Gabriel missed a loose

Denilson snapped it up to score on 5g minutes. Defender Junior Baiano added a third after a storming run, cutting inside and hammering home from a

tight angle eight minutes later. Mexico gave themselves a glimmer of hope in the final minute when substitute Ramon Ramirez curled a free-kick around the Brazilian wall and past stationery

goalkeeper Rogerio. But they ran out of time in their quest to jump above the Australians in the standings on goal difference. Referee Ian McLeod of South Africa was substituted at halftime after injuring his jaw bumping into

the back of a Mexican player. He

was taken to hospital and replaced

by Uo Prasert Pirom of Thailand,

## **SPORTS**

in brief

## 'Post' trophy goes to Ramat Hasharon quartet

The final round of the Annual Max Spitz Charity Day was played off at Ramat Gan with players from all of Israel's nine Clubs competing for The Jerusalem Past Trophy.

In a mixed four competition, the Ramat Hasharon team of Josh Eckstein, Herzel Dunsky, Jaffa Lavine and Paula Kaplan took the trophy with 3 25 shot diffrence, narrowly edging out Arye Keren's Ramat Gan team by two shots.

In fitting words, Jack Rabin, a past president of the National Bowling Association referred to the sole untiring efforts of former South African Max Spitz who brought the game to Israel in the

early 1950's and served as national president for 30 years.

Proceeds of over NIS4,000 raised at the competition, which was inagurated in 1984, will go to the Jesrusalem Post Toy Fund, the Foresake Me Not Fund, and the Welcome Home Fund. Norman Spiro

## Amsterdam, Paris, Stockholm to stage cup finals

GENEVA (Reuters) - Amsterdam will host the European Cup final on May 20, Europe's governing body UEFA said yesterday. But the Dutch will have to work out conflicting commercial obligations within the next 10 days before receiving final approval, UEFA said.

The governing body also announced that the UEFA Cup final,

which will be a one-match contest for the first time this season, will be played on May 6 at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris. Will be played on may be at the Part des Princes stadium in Paris
The Cup Winners' Cup, set for May 13, will be played at
Stockholm's Rasunda stadium. The Super Cup final will be contested in Monaco on August 28, UEFA said.

## Former Chelsea midfielder Hudson 'critical'

LONDON (Reuters) - Former England international Alan Hudson was said to be in a "critical condition" by a hospital spokesman after undergoing a 14-hour emergency operation yesterday. Hudson, who played for Chelsea, Arsenal and Stoke, was involved

in a car accident on Monday evening while walking home in London. He was admitted to the Royal London Hospital with internal and His son Alan junior said the family had been prepared for the worst

but the signs were now more hopeful.

## Dean Smith honored by 'Sports Illustrated'

CHAPEL HILL, NC (Reuters) - Dean Smith, who ended his 36-year coaching career at North Carolina with the most wins in college basketball history, was named Sportsman of the Year Tuesday by Sports Illustrated magazine.

Smith became the fourth coach to receive the honor, awarded annually since 1954, joining John Wooden (1972), Joe Paterno (1986) and Don Shula (1993).

Smith finished with 879 coaching victories, surpassing the 876 total amassed by Adolph Rupp of Kentucky fame. He notched 65 NCAA tournament victories - more than any other coach - from a record 27 appearances in the post-season championship.

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## The Beeb: Caught offside

annual Sports Review of the internationals - all live broad-Year on Sunday evening - and in many ways the occasion, once again proved to be a reflection of the broadcaster's unique posi-tion in British sport. Trouble is, the rather disjointed, frayed at the edges, dowdy presentation was probably not the exact image 'the Beeb' had in mind. Bnt sadly, in the 1990s as far

as televised sport is concerned, the BBC is in danger of being left behind - or LONDON CALLING picking up the

crumbs from the

rich man's table. The evening followed its usual pattern - introduced hy Desmond Lynam, doyen of British sports broadcasting and casting a reflective eye, sport by sport, over the past 12 months – little has changed over the 40 plus years the occasion has

But the world of televised sport has changed - and it shows. Whereas in the past, the BBC could delight in showing clip after clip from its own vast bank of action accumulated over the previous year, whatever the sport, these days snatched images of the best action are now flashed on screen accompaoied by the grating words
"Courtesy of Sky Sports" or
"Courtesy of ITV."

The trend reached its nadir on Sunday evening when to illustrate the Tyson-Holyfield fight when Mad Mike bit off his part of his opponent's ear - surely one of the stories of the year the BBC was reduced to showing grainy still images. Presumably not enough money had exchanged hands for even a snatch of this event to be shown to the BBC's viewers.

televised sport is one which will keep many a barroom amused for hours. For years the BBC, along with independent commercial broadcaster ITV, was the only option for sports bodies to sell their rights 10. Consequently, football, cricket, snooker, boxing and tennis were all covered by the so-called terrestrial channels.

The debate about the BBC and

When Rupert Murdoch laimched Sky Television in the late 1980s, be realized two things would sell his subscription packages - films and sport.

The convectional broadcasters, used to being the only card players at the poker table when it came to buying rights from sports bodies, suddenly they found that the Aussie card shark some pretty fancy tricks up his sleeve, and, most importantly for a poker player, he wouldn't

hlink when the going gol tough. The 'hig two,' knowing they were the only option, had consistently kept a lid on the price of paying for broadcast rights. As a consequence when Murdoch came along offering megabucks to switch to his channels, the sports bodies iumped.

Overseas England cricket tours, world championship boxing, the Premier League, England's soccer internationals.

casting of these events is now on

Murdoch gambled heavily on sport, turning his loss-making channels into a winner and it worked big-time. With a monthly subscription approaching £30 a month and thousands signing up every month to see this glittering package of top flight sport, the cash is rolling in.

The broadcasters of course, could only jump if they were allowed to. The

in force a list of events which cannot be sold to the highest bidder and must be accessible by the general public on terrestrial television.

They include the Grand National, Wimhledon and England's home Test matches. Bnt, interestingly enough, the England and Wales Cricket Board is now crying foul that it is not making enough money for the development of the game because of the relatively low price it gets for its live rights.

The government has now set up a committee of experts including sporting luminaries such as the former athlete Steve Cram and the ex-soccer star and manager Jack Charlton - to advise it on whether more or less events should be on this list and

in what form.

The BBC, a unique public service broadcaster, has found itself hung by its own uniqueness. Funded entirely by the license fee - around £100 a year - it supports two television channels, five national radio stations, dozens of local television and radio outfits, plus the World Service. It doesn't take a a genius - just an accountant - to work out that once they are paid for, the amount budgeted for live sports rights looks rather sickly when compared with Murdoch's cash pile. Debate now centers on whether the BBC should even attempt to compete with hig hid-ders - or withdraw gracefully from the game, II bas even found itself losing out to its more well-heeled rival ITV, which for example, bas plucked Formula 1 motor racing and the rights to live FA Cup soccer matches from under its nose.

To many, the only solution is for the BBC to play Murdocb and the rest at their own game. One argument is that a £5-£10 premium should be added to the license for all those wbo wish to view sport on the BBC. This the war chest when it comes to bidding.

It's a nice thought, but doesn't sound practical. In the end, it may be politicians who decide this. If the government comes down hard on many people being denied live sport - and the majority still don't subscribe to satellite - then the field may open up again.

The question is - with the BBC already providing a relatively diminished output when compared to its heyday of the 1960s and 1970s - will it be ready to take advantage?

# Mercer's 20 sparks Celtics past 76ers

Wizards on a roll at new arena; Jordan hits 31 in Bulls' win over Suns

BOSTON (AP) - Ron Mercer, left out of the starting lineup because of a slump, scored 20 points as the Boston Celtics beal the Philadelphia 76ers 100-83 Monday night.

Philadelphia played without star guard Allen liverson, who was serving a one-game suspension for missing a practice.

Mercer scored 10 points during the decisive third quarter, when the Celtics broke the game open with a 22-5 run. Jerry Stackhouse led Philadel-

phia with 25 points. Pacers 108, Raptors 101 Reggie Miller scored 22 points, and reserve Jalen Rose had 15 points and seven assists as visiting

Indiana continued its domination

over Toronto.
Indiana, which is 10-0 against the Raptors, has won three straight overall and nine of its last 11. Marcus Camby scored a seasonhigh 28 points for Toronto, which

home loss. Wizards 88, Jazz 86 Juwan Howard scored 21 points as Washington remained unbeaten

fell to 2-21 with its 10th straight

at its new arena. The Wizards blew an 11-point fourth-quarter lead before recovering for their fifth straight victory at the MCI Center.

Washington snapped a threegame losing streak and improved to 8-0 against Western Conference

Karl Malone scored 26 points for the Jazz, who are in a mild slump, having lost three straight

**Bulls 111, Suns 104** Michael Jordan scored 31 points, Dennis Rodman grahbed 21 rebounds and Chicago used a big second quarter to win at Toni Kukoc scored 23 points for

the Bulls and Jason Caffey added 18 points and 10 rebounds, both season highs, before fouling out. Antonio McDyess scored a season-high 23 points for the Suns before fouling out with 7:55 left. Cedric Ceballos added a season-

high 22. Hawks 99, Trail Blazers 90 Tyrone Corbin scored a seasonhigh 19 points and Christian Laettner added 19 points and 13 rebounds as visiting Atlanta won

its third straight game, only eight points on 3-of-12
Reserve Ed Gray added 16 shooting.

points for the Hawks, who were the Kenny Anderson scored 20
playing their fourth road game in points and Rasheed Wallace added five nights. Gray took over at 16 for the Blazers.



BULLISH BEHAVIOR - The Bulls' Dennis Rodman fights for a rebound against the Suns' Antonio McDyess during first-quarter play. Chicago won 111-104.

point guard in the second quarter for the simple Mookie Blaylock, who managed to score

No more All-Star

slam dunk contest

NEW YORK (AP) - The dunk contest was often stammed in

recent years. Critics said all the good dunks had already been door.

and lamented the lack of participation from the league's best players.

The NBA, wary of an event gone stale, has decided to do away with it. For the first time since 1983, All-Star Weekend will be held

without a druk contest.
"I think it was getting to be monotonous, and maybe it's good to do something different." Charles Backley said. "It was the same

denk over and over. Nobody got excited about it because they had

The dunk contest will be replaced by an event called "2-ball" that will team one NBA and one Women's NBA player from the same

city in a shooting contest in which points are awarded on a sliding

scale for shots taken from different spots on the court over a span of

scale for shots taken from unicated opens.

60 seconds. The further the shot, the more points.

**NBA** box scores

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## Canucks end 5-game skid with shutout win over Kings

VANCOUVER (AP) - Pavel Bure recorded his third hat trick this season and Arturs Irbe earned a shntout as the Vancouver Canucks ended a five-game losing streak with a 7-0 win over the Los Angeles Kings on Monday night. Bure, who leads the Canucks with 21 goals, capped off his ninth

career three-goal game late in the second period with a rare Vancouver power-play goal. The Canucks scored their first power-play goal in 31 opportunities on home ice when Bure took a pass from Mark Messier at the Kings' hlue line, split the defense and slid the puck past Frederic

Chabot to give Vancouver a 5-0 lead. Messier had three assists. Los Angeles is winless in its last

six games (0-5-1).
Flyers 3, Canadiens 1 Vaclav Prospal and Eric Lindros scored power-play goals in the first period, leading Philadelphia

to an away win. The game included a six-man brawl in the second period that resulted in 112 penalty minutes, four game misconducts and left the Canadiens with four defense-

scored Klatt Philadelphia's third goal while Mark Recchi scored on a firstperiod power play for Montreal. Lindros's goal stood up as the game-winner as the Flyers won their fourth game in five nights. Philadelphia goalie Garth Snow

Damphousse in the closing min-

Bruins 6, Panthers 2 Steve Heinze scored a goal and added an assist as visiting Boston won its fifth straight game. Heinze has five goals and four

assists in his last five games. The Bruins avenged a 10-5 loss to the Panthers on November 26 at the Miami Arena hy outshooting the Panthers 40-28. Ted Donato and Dmitri Khristich also each had a goal and an assist for Boston. Boston goaltender Byron Dafoe won for the fourth straight time,

stopping 26 shots.
Senators 3, Blues 1 Alexei Yashin scored twice and Shawn McEachern assisted on all

three visiting Ottawa goals.

The Blues, who lead the league in points at home with 28 and are tied for first with 13 home wins, have now lost consecutive games at the Kiel Center. With the win, Ottawa moved one game over

.500 (6-5-3) on the road. Chris Phillips had Ottawa's other goal and goalie Ron Tugnutt made 25 saves. Rudy Poeschek scored his first goal for the Blues. Stars 8, Sabres 4

Darryl Sydor and Jamie Langenbrunner scored two goals apiece as host Dallas ended a recent scoring drought.

Sergei Zubov matched his career-high with four assists and

stopped 20 of 21 shots, including a Joe Nieuwendyk, Greg Adams and key glove save of Vincent Pat Verbeek all bad a goal and an assist for the Stars, who had been shut out in two of their previous three games.

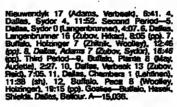
Avalanche 3, Maple Leafs 2

Peter Forsberg and Rene Corbet scored goals 21 seconds apart in the second period as Colorado wou at nome. Eric Messier added a goal in

Colorado's three-goal second peri-

od and Joe Sakic had two assists for the Avalanche, winners of seven of their last 11 (7-2-2).

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## Peyton Manning has knee infection

KNOXVILLE (Reuters) - Two days after the disappointment of not winning the Heisman Trophy, Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning has been hospitalized due to an infection in his right knee and will miss several days of practice for the Orange Bowl.

Manning, who was second to Michigan corner-back Charles Woodson in the Heisman voting announced in New York on Saturday night, was hospitalized Monday, his school announced. He is expected to remain in the hospital two or three days. Manning will receive bedrest, intravenous antibiotic treatment of the infection, which developed because of the ruptured hursa in his right Orange Bowl tomoxrow, after final exams.

knee, and physical therapy.

"Because of this condition, it is not likely Peyton will practice, at least to full degree, before the team breaks for Christmas December 22nd," said Tennessee head trainer Mike Rollo. "The infection developed as the swelling from his knee migrated into his lower leg and ankle."

Manning will conclude his stellar collegiate career on January 2 in the Orange Bowl, when third-ranked Tennessee takes on second-ranked Nebraska in the final game for Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne.

The team will commence practices for the

#### Red Sox accused of lax investigation of racial harassment

BOSTON (AP) - A black former executive of the Boston Red Sox has accused the team of not investigating thoroughly the racial harassment he said he was subjected to while he was working for the baseball team.

Thomas Soced, 25, wbo worked for the Red Sox for seven years before leaving last-September for a job with Bell last-Atlantic Corp., filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Discrimination.

He said a photograph of himself and his white fiancee, which he bad on his desk at Fenway Park, was defaced with a racial epithet.

He also said a photograph of the woman, who worked as a nanny

whose mutilated body was found in a dumpster in the Fenway section last year.

Sneed said he interpreted that as a threat of physical violence.
He said team officials told him to keep quiet about the allegations of harassment, and urged him not to tell his fiancee.

He also said the team took no action against a female employee officials said had a history of harassing others on the job, and was believed to be responsible for the acts against him. The employee was not identified in the com-

The Red Sox on Monday night denied naming any employee as a

"Mr. Sneed's allegations that the

E. Holmer, a namy from Sweden fair to all concerned are incorrect," the Red Sox said in a state-

"The Red Sox vigorously pursued every lead, including all of those suggested by Mr. Sneed, and will continue to do so until the person or persons involved are identified," the team said. Speed said he had met with John

Harrington, chief executive officer of the Red Sox, and John Buckley, vice president, without results.

Sneed first was hired by the club as a part-time security guard

while he was going to Northeastern University. He became sales manager of the team's "600 Clinh," managing, he said, annual sales of approximately \$10 million.

He said he has received letters for several ballplayers, was covered over with a picture of Karma hearted or less than thorough and resigning from the team. A complete c

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#### CRITICS' CHOICE

#### CLASSICAL MUSIC

#### MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Rafi Kadishson leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA in Music from the Movies with works by John Williams, Henry Mancini, Nino Rota and others including the themes from such great flicks as The Godfather, the Indiana Jones films, Breakfast at Tiffany's, Vertigo, Jaws and many many others. Tonight and tomorrow at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem (8.30).

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Contraction of the

You can still hear Estonian conductor Arvo Volmer lead the Haifa Symphony Orchestra in Fratres by Arvo Part and the fourth (The Inextinguishable) symphony by Nielsen. Boris Berman joins to play Brahms's first piano con-certo tonight and tomorrow at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30).

The chamber-music series Tones and Colors in the Gallery continues tonight (8:30) at the Eretz Israel Museum in Tel Aviv with the Troubadour Quintet singing a varied program ranging from Dowland to Ben-Haim and Lennon and McCarmey. The Jerusalem Rubin Music Academy is celebrating the 70th birthday of composer Zvi Avni with a program of his chamber works tonight (8:30) at the Academy. Admission free.

#### TELEVISION

#### ELANA CHIPMAN

When the Wind Blows (Channel 8 at 9 p.m.) is a full-length animated film created in England in 1988 by Jimmy T. Murakami. The cartoon chronicles the trials of a naive retired couple who prepare for the coming nuclear holocaust and trust the powers that be far too much. When Armageddon actually arrives, they find they had misplaced their must.

A profile of Neil Simon (ITV 3 [33], 8:45 p.m.) one of America's most successful playwrights includes interviews with some of the many stars who have appeared in his shows. Please note that this program has been rescheduled.



Boris Berman plays Brahms's first piano concerto tonight and tomorrow at the Haifa Auditorium.

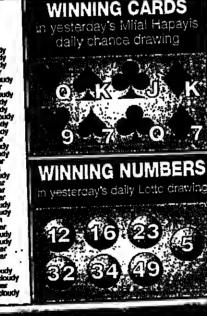
#### **ENGLISH THEATER**

HELEN KAYE

Mark Ravenhill's newsmaking Shopping and F\*\*\*ing, directed by Max Stafford-Clark and performed by his Out of Joint theater company, indicts the rootless, loveless, transactional 90s. The four young flatmates are English but they could be any of today's urban youth, even here. Tonight at Tel Aviv's ZOA House at 9





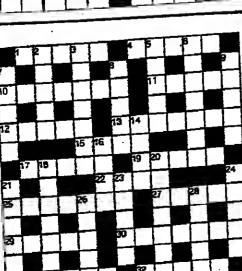


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- man (6)
- opera singer (5) 4 Hang on less tightly (3,2,4)



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#### QUICK CROSSWORD DOWN

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#### TV

CHANNEL 1 6:30 News flash 6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Good Morning

#### **EDUCATIONAL TV**

8:00 Book of Genesis 8:30 Family Album 9:00 Sciences 9:25 English 9:40 Arithmetic 10:00 Programs for the very young (Arabic) 11:00 Science and Technology 12:30 Music – great Russian composers 13:30 Cartoons 14:30 Basketball

#### Super League CHANNEL 1

15:30 Pink Panthe 16:00 The Mesk 16:30 Boy Meets World 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zap 16:15 News in English

#### ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Where Are We Going? — new youth discussion series 19:00 News

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20:00 News
20:45 A Moment in Life
20:50 Conference Call
21:30 Countdown to
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17:00 Five with Rafi 17:30 Sport TV 18:00 Port Charles 19:00 The Thorn Birds -The Missing Years 20:00 News 20:30 Ramat Aviv 21:15 Hartzufim 21:45 Gov Night - with Gidi Gov

22:50 The X-Files 23:45 Homicide 00:05 Homicide - contd. 00:45 Soep - the 1970s spool 1:10 Red Sea Jazz Festival - Jimmy Smith Compatible 2-00 On the Edge of the Shelf

#### JORDAN TV

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#### ÇABLE ■ ITV 3 (33)

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17:30 From Day to Day
18:00 The Tyrant
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20:45 Neis Simon — profile of the playwright, including interviews with the stars who have appeared in his plays 22:00 Entertainment

#### Now 22:30 Scent of Mint ■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Echo Point 16:00 Mathematics for 18:30 Geography
17:00 The Beginning a 17-year-old boy
drops out of school and teams up with childhood triend who leads him down the

path of drugs 17:35 My Dear Brother Arabic 18:00 Dites Moi Tout 18:30 Tastes 19:00 Book of Genesis 19:30 Vis à Vis 20:00 A New Evening 20:30 Zombit 21:00 The New 20th Century 22:00 Family Ties 23:00 P.D. James's Cover Her face - final

#### FAMILY CHANNEL

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt) 7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt) 8:00 Sunset Beach 9:00 One Lite to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:15 Duice Ana (rpt) 12:00 Love Boat 12:45 Hart to Hart

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MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

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Jackson 18:35 New in the Cinema 18:45 All the Winters

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#### CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 9:00 Tobias Tootz 9:05 Surprise Garder 9:30 Treasure Island 10:05 Billy the Cat 10:35 Ninja Turtles 10:35 The Flying Classroom 11:10 Bureau of Alien Delectors 11:55 The Secret

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Classroom 15:40 Space Strikers 16:00 The Flying Classroom 16:25 The Secret World of Alex 17:10 Nick Freno 17:30 Flying Classroom 17:45 Lois and Clark 18:30 The Arena interactive computer 19:00 Moesha 19:30 Family Matter

19-55 Roseanne 20:20 Married with Children 20:45 Helen and the Boys 21:15 Beverly Hills 90210 ■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

#### 22:10 Mi Vida Loca

(1994) - a powerful portrait of a Latino girls' gang in an Los Angeles, Directed by Allison Anders 23:50 Black and White as Day and Night (German, 1963, 103 mins.) – the story of an obsessive chess player determined to beat the world champion. With Bruno Ganz

## 7:00 Oprah Wintrey 8:00 E! TV 8:30 Mind Your Language 9:00 Nine to Five

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#### Dilemmas in Busines Ruling the Waves ■ NBC EUROPE

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the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara

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#### **EUROSPORT**

9:30 Eurogoals 11:00 Soccer: Gillette's World Cup Dream 11:30 Soccer: FIFA Confederation Cup 13:00 Speedworld 14:00 Wheeles Megazine 14:30 Freestyle Skiing World Cup 15:00 Water Skiing World Championship 16:00 Soccer: FIFA

UAE vs. Czech Rep.; 17:30 Awesome Interiors Uruguay vs. S. Africa 21:00 Tractor Pulling 22:00 Boxing 23:00 Darts World Cup 00:00 Soccer, FIFA 1:30 Motorcycling

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -

Denver on Monday night.

figure out exactly what it is,"

Unlike the August 31 season

zone from Steve Atwater after the

said, downplaying a bruise Rice suffered to his repaired knee on

the touchdown catch. "He banged

his knee in the ground. It's stable. It swelled just like after a week of

practice. There's no real concern." The defense took over in the

second half, capitalizing on a dis-astrous outing by Elway, who had

two interceptions and a fumble leading to 17 San Francisco

"They're not a blitzing team hut they were tonight," Elway said.

You've got to be able to adjust to

it. Tonight, I just made too many

mistakes throwing the ball."
Merton Hanks' 55-yard inter-

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broke a 17-all tie in the third quar-

ter, Lee Woodall's 55-yard inter-

ception return set up Gary Anderson's second field goal and

Kevin Greene sacked Elway, forc-

ing a fumble that he returned 40

The win, on a night Joe Montana's No. 16 was retired hy

the 49ers, clinched home field in

the National Conference playoffs for San Francisco (13-2) and also

gave Kansas City the home field over Denver (11-4) in the

"It seems like two seasons,

maybe three," Young said. "Now

we just have to get everyooe

to a separated right shoulder in the

first half, lost its second straight

and heads into the playoffs as a

and play, but my arm felt like it was falling off," Davis said. "It

was just dangling there in the

his last play. He spent the rest of

the second quarter talking with

Dillingham, who operated on Rice

the day after the injury. Rice

watched the second half from the

sidelines with a bandage around

what the 49ers said was a bruise to

Rice, who had three catches for

his surgically repaired knee.

Rice's touchdown proved to be

physician Michael

"I tried to walk it off and stay in

Denver, which lost Terrell Davis

yards for the final score.

American Conference.

healthy."

wild card.

41 passes for 150 yards.

"Was that fun or what?" San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci

second-quarter scoring catch.

go an MRI scan.

all of the playoffs.

#### Windies beat India. reach final in Sharjah Page 17

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#### All six acquitted in Senna death trial

IMOLA, Italy (Reuters) - An Italian court yesterday acquitted Formula One team chief Frank Williams and five other defendants of manslaughter in a trial over the death of Brazilian racing driver Avrton Senna in 1994.

None of the defendants was in the makeshift courtroom near the Imola circuit in oorthern Italy where Senna, one of Formula One's most thrilling champions, died in the San Marino Grand Prix on May 1, 1994. But their legal teams smiled and

congratulated each other when Judge Antonio Costanzo read the verdict. Italian law does not require defendants to attend a final hearing. The five others charged were

Williams team technical director Patrick Head, former chief designer Adrian Newey, Belgian race director Roland Bruynseraede, Imola track director Federico Bendinelli and former track official Giorgio

Grand Prix Engineering is pleased to confirm that Frank Williams, Patrick Head and Adrian Newey have been acquired of all charges which were the subject of the Imola trial," the team said in a statement issued in London.

Last month prosecuting magis-trate Maurizio Passarini made a dramatic about-turn when he asked for manslaughter charges against Williams and the three track officials to be shelved.

He said Williams, one of the most successful team directors in racing history, should be let off "for not having committed the offence." Senna had been driving a Williams car when he crashed at 220 kph.

Passarini asked for one-year suspended sentences for Head and Newey, saying their error had been "microscopic." But Costanzo decided to free all six men. The reasons for his decision will be published in 90 days, court officials said.

Under Italian law both the defence and prosecution can appeal a ver-dict. "Clearly we would hope that this matter will not be pursued any further," the Williams statement

Senna, three times world champion, died after his Williams' car hurtled off the track at 220 kph on the seventh lap of the race and slammed into a concrete wall. He suffered severe head injuries and died a few hours later. A life-sized bronze statue now marks the spot.

The trial began in February and the prosecution alleged a poor weld on Senna's steering column snapped as the Brazilian ace entered the notorious Tamburello curve, causing him to lose control of his car.

It was also alleged by the prosecution that the way the track was maintained could have contributed to the accident.

Both allegations were denied by

the defendants. Senna died 24 hours after Austrian Roland Ratzenberger crashed in practice at Imola and was killed. They were the first race deaths in

formula one for 12 years. Motor racing's ruling body, the FIA, said it would study the verdict

before commenting.
"The FIA has noted today's decision of the Imola court, but will not comment until it has examined the full text of the decision and studied its implications," it said in a state-

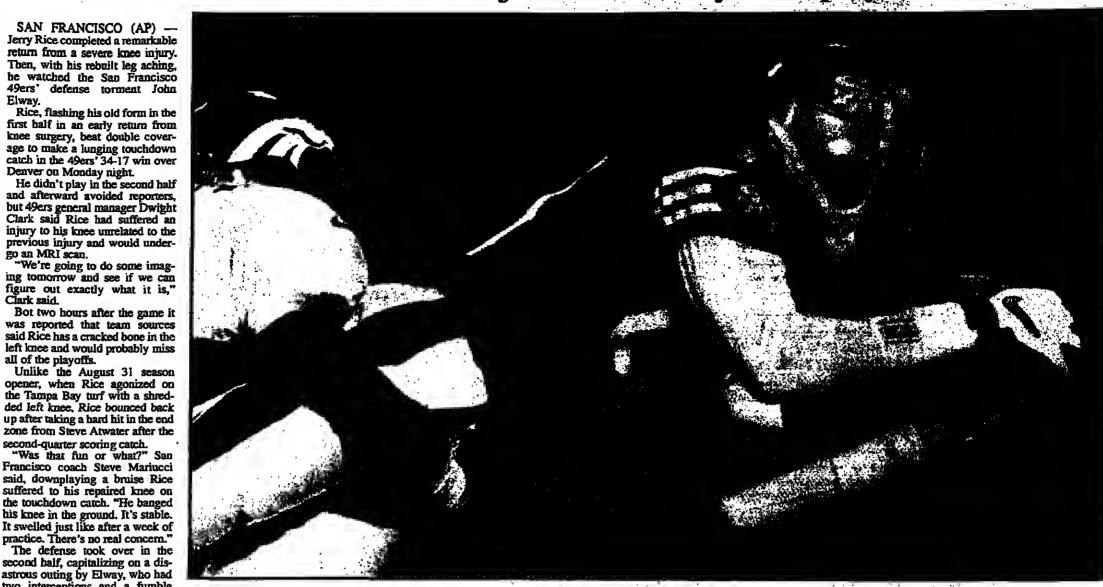
Team chief Williams told the trial in October that his company did not believe that Senna's steering col-

arma broke. In the weeks leading up to the fateful San Marino race, Senna's steering column was cut, expanded and re-welded to satisfy his demand for more space inside the cockpit.

Williams acknowledged to the court that Senna's car had been hard to handle and difficult to drive. But speaking to reporters after giving evidence in October, he said: "We'll probably never know what hap-

# Rice sparkles in 49ers' triumph

But wide receiver reinjures knee, may miss playoffs



BACK IN THE SADDLE - Forty-niners WR Jerry Rice catches a second-quarter pass from QB Steve Young while being tackled by Broncos' cornerback Ray points. He completed only 16 of Crockett.

40 yards, was greeted by a wild ovation when he ran ooto the field during pre-game introductions and another rousing cheer when he entered as the third receiver on the third play of the game.

"I wanted to get him the ball as quickly as possible," Young said. On San Francisco's second offensive series, he caught a 16-yard pass

Pers retired his No. 16 jersey

. Introduced by former coach Bill

Walsh the man who drafted and developed him. Montana was clearly impressed by the recep-tion:

"Back in 1979 when I first stepped on the field, I never imag-

ined I'd be in this position tonight having my number retired."

Broadcaster Al Michaels intro-

duced a retrospective of Montana's career, calling the

quarterback a "Bay Area icon and

a man who has come to embody.

Eddie DeBartolo, who was the managing owner

of the team for 20 years until two weeks ago when

he stepped down to face allegations of gambling

frand in Louisiana, also praised Montana. But first

he got his own cheers, pausing several times in his speech because of the cheers for him.

"This man has etched his place in NFL history as :

the greatest quarterback who has ever played the . Clark (67).

the 49ers franchise."

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - To the wild cheers of game?

an adoring crowd and the spatching flashes of hun. San Francisco's thin thede of cameras, Joe Montana returned once more. Dame in 1979 Minita to the windswept field off San Francisco Bay as the offs 10 dines, middle does winted his No. 16 person.

10-yard catch during the 92-yard march that Young finished by threading a 14-yard pass to Rice. He made the catch between Atwater and Darrien Gordon for San Francisco's first TD with 6:53 left in the second quarter.

We all knew he would do it after watching him practice all week," linebacker Gary Plummer said. "That first play he lined up

San Francisco retires Montana's No. 16

was a huge emotional lift for us." The score was Rice's 166th career touchdown, an ongoing NFL record, and gave him 1,000 points for his career, the first nonkicker to reach that milestone. But

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and landed on his left knee. He headed to the sidelines favor-

22 seconds left in the second quarfer and San Francisco went in front 14-10 at halftime.

Vaughn Hebron, playing in place of the injured Davis, took a Rice took a hard hit from Atwater pitch and cut back across the field for a 46-yard gain to the San

5-90, Danis 2-0, Groen, 1-17, McCeltony 1-5, Carendol 1-0, Hebron 1-Indinus 53, Sen Francisco, Kibyr 5-76, Jones 4-68, Rice 3-40, Owers 3-39, Stoless 3-32, Royd 3-21, MSSED FELD GOALS—Derewer, Elem 44 (WI), 29 (WI), Sen Francisco, Anderson 35 (WI).

Final week, regular season Saturday, December 20 Buffalo at Green Bay . Sc. Louis at Carolina Sunday, December 21 Baltimore at Cincionati Chicago at Tampa Bay. Indianapolis at Minnesota New Orleans at Kansas City New York Giants at Dallas Philadelphia at Washington Pittsburgh at Tennessee

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Kirby scored from a yard out with Francisco 4. He scored on a fourth-down run from the 1, giv-

ing Denver a 17-14 lead. Denver scored the game's first 10 points, getting a 4-yard scoring run from Davis two plays after Theanyi Uwaezuoke muffed a punt that was recovered at the San Francisco 6.

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## Marlins' dismantling continues as Kevin Brown traded to Padres

MIAMI (Reuters) — The Florida Marlins shipped star pitcher Kevin Brown to the San Diego Padres Monday, continuing to dismantle the team that won the World Series this year.

Brown, whose earned run average of 2.26 over the past two seasons was the lowest in baseball, was sent to San Diego for three minor leaguers - first baseman Derrek Lee, right-handed pitcher Rafael Medina and left-handed pitcher Steve Hoff.

Brown went 16-8 with a 2.69 ERA last season, a year in which he threw a no-hitter at San Francisco on June 10 and appeared in his third All-Star Game. He won both of his starts against Atlanta in the National League Championship Series but lost twice in the World Series to the Cleveland Indians. Brown is the team's career leader in strikeouts

(389), shutouts (five) and complete games (11). In 1996, he was 17-11 with a major-league best 1.89 ERA for Florida The Georgia native has a career record of 121-92

with a 3.42 ERA in 278 career games for Texas, Baltimore and Florida. He won a career-high 21 games for the Rangers in 1992. The 32-year-old Brown becomes the ace of a Padre staff that ranked 13th in the National League last sea-

son with a 4.98 ERA. The Marlins had actively been shopping Brown, and more than a dozen teams showed interest in the right-hander.

Brown is just the latest player who has been let go in the club's fire sale, following the departures of star outfielder Moises Alou, longtime Marlins first baseman Jeff Conine, closer Robb Nen and outfielder Devon White - all unloaded since the

Marlins won the World Series in October. Starting pitcher Tony Saunders was lost in the expansion

Marlins owner Wayne Huizenga, who is in the process of selling the club to a group headed by team president Don Smiley, has said the team must curb a payroll that exceeded \$53 million last season.

Cleveland signs Fryman

In his eight-year career with the Detroit Tigers, Travis Fryman never made it to the playoffs. So excuse him for being glad to sign a contract with the AL champion Cleveland Indians, even if his salary is \$1.5 million less next season than it otherwise would have been.

The third baseman agreed Monday to a \$28m, fiveyear contract with the Indians.

"My eight years in the big leagues have been on teams that thought if they played .500 ball they had a great year." Fryman said. "I've never been in a situation where a team expected to win and expected to go to the World Scries."

Royals, Dean Palmer agree on new pact Free ageot third baseman Dean Palmer will remain in Kansas City for at least another season after agreeing to terms with the Royals Monday on a one-year contract with a player option for the

1999 season. The Royals acquired Palmer, who spent his first six-plus years in the majors with the Rangers, from Texas on July 25 for outfielder Tom Goodwin. He finished the year with a combined .256 average, 23 homers and 86 runs batted in for the two teams.



Brown is dealt to San Diego.

#### 67 countries apply to send 2,593 athletes to Nagano

NAGANO, Japan (Reuters) - A record 2,593 athletes from 67 countries are planning to compete in next February's Winter Olympics in Nagano, organizers said yesterday. The US said it would send the most athletes -207 - followed by

host Japan with 166 and Switzerland with 163. Bermuda, Brazil, Iran, Luxembourg and Uruguay plan to send one athlete each.

South Korea said it would send 47 athletes after announcing last week it was cutting back on the number because of the country's financial

The number of countries attending is equal to the record number of participating nations set at the Lillehammer Games four years ago. It also includes three countries which have never competed in the

Winter Olympics before -Azerbaijan, Uruguay and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The record for a Winter Olympics of 1,801 competitors was set in Albertville in 1992.

The second highest number of athletes was 1,739 in Lillehammer.

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